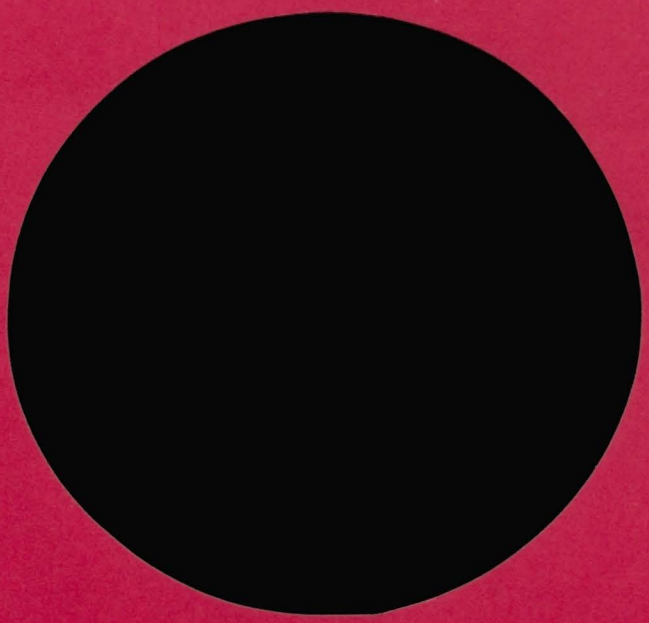
CASE OF THE MISSING DIPLOMAS NO. 1985



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The Case of the Missing Diplomas

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Villain in Our Midst?

It was one of those days, so hot and humid that it made you want to sweat. I was getting ready to go home, walking towards the door that said "Mickey Wrench, Private Investigator." At least, that's what it said from the other side. From my side it said "rotagitsevnI etavirP, hcnerW yekciM." Then, *she* walked in. She was one of those dames that you've never seen the likes of before, and you hope you never will again.

To be totally honest with you, this has nothing to do with this case, it's just the only way a cheap detective story ever starts.

I'm Mickey Wrench, the famous private eye. The concerned citizens of the Maroa-Forsyth school district first contacted me in relation to a small problem they had, concerning missing diplomas. (Actually, I was their second choice; they originally wished to hire my cousin, Mike Hammer.) It turns out that the diplomas of the class of 1985 have been stolen, making it impossible for the seniors to graduate.

The chief of police, Leroy Mills, and the Police commissioner, Richard Irvin, have been unable to apprehend the fiendish mastermind behind this dastardly deed.

The only clue they have unturned is that it was an inside job, committed by someone who is at the school regularly.

Here are the facts. The diplomas were discovered missing from the safe on August 23, 1984, which was the first day of school.

There was a half-eaten pastry left lying at the scene of the crime . . . a French pastry . . . a chocolate eclair.

I have reasons to believe that the culprit was a German trying to throw me off the trail.

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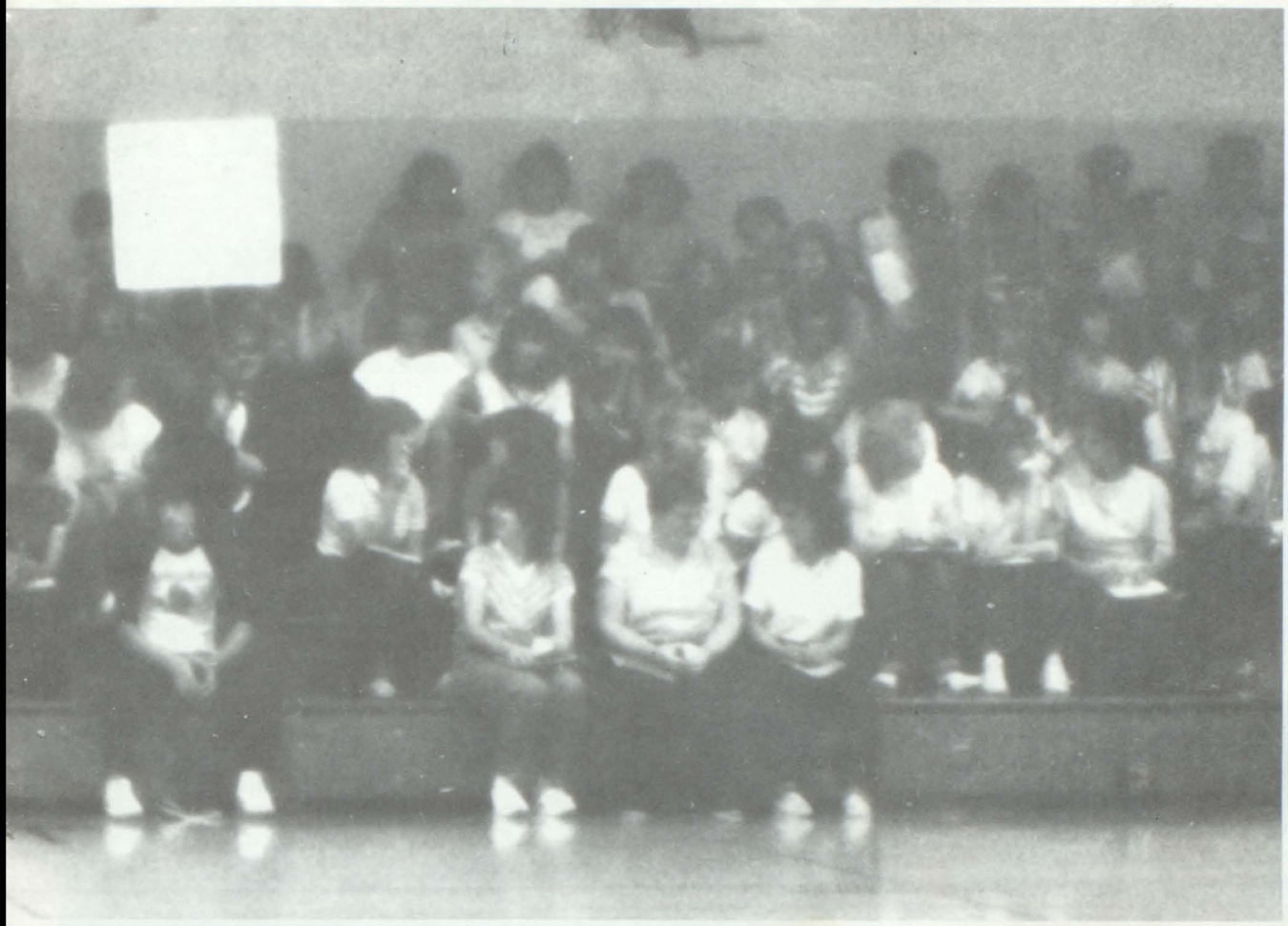

Do You Know Who He Is?

I decided it would be a good idea to talk to the Concerned Citizens (school board) first because they are very involved in what goes on at the school. The citizens (school board) had already organized themselves and elected a spokeswoman, Brenda Stubblefield. Some of the other leaders were (pg. 4 pic. 1) Kenneth Offer, Laverne Malone, Glen Morgan, David Braden, Bryant Austin, and Ed Orr.

Through my informants, I discovered that the citizens (school board) were meeting that evening at the school. As I approached the door to the room in which they were meeting, I heard loud voices. Fearing that something might be wrong, I broke the door down, and all heads turned to me.

"Why, Mr. Wrench! What are you doing here?" asked one man.

I replied that I had come to ask some questions. Then he asked, "why did you break the door down?"

"I heard loud voices and I feared that someone might have been in danger," I replied.

The man said, "Thank you for your concern, but we are all quite fine. I'm afraid we can't answer your questions right now because we are in the middle of a meeting, but if you will wait, we will be glad to speak with you later."

So, I took a seat and proceeded to listen to their discussion, and this is what followed:

"Where are we getting the dough?"

"That's *all* taken care of. Don't worry about a thing."

"When are we going to do this?"

"The date isn't set for sure yet, but I should have all the details drawn up by the next board meeting."

Right about then, I decided to leave.

"Mr. Wrench, where are you going?"

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The Search Begins

Concerned Citizens

asked the head honcho.

"I think I've heard *quite* enough," I said.

(Flashback to meeting: "So, let's discuss the cookie sale.")

Even though I already had valid suspicions about some people, I still had to check out other leads. One of these leads was the cooks.

They were first suspicious to me because they were always rolling in the dough. And I had heard from some anonymous students that some of the cooks made pastries. Very significant.

My next group of suspects were the janitors.

Police Commissioner

I suspected that they not only cleaned the school, but had also cleaned out some banks in their time. They were obviously pros.

Next on my list was the mechanic. The students had been observing him for some time and the few times they had seen him, he was lurking around suspiciously behind the schools. I had also overheard a conversation about "high-jacking planes." Very interesting . . .

The next group under scrutiny were the so-called bus drivers.

Indeed, they did drive buses,

Superintendent — Mr. Richard Irvin

Chief of Police

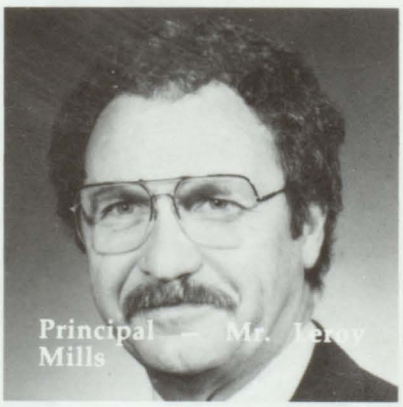
but was it a front for kidnapping? Every day after school, these people would load unsuspecting, innocent kids onto their buses, drive off, and return a few hours later . . . with no kids.

It's time to tell you about my first *big* clue.

A ribbon from a diploma was found sticking out of locker no. 335. I ran down to the office to find out whose locker it was. It turned out to be Kathrin Eckhart's, the *German* exchange student.

I was catching up to this German fiend.

You might think that I would become



Principal — Mr. LeRoy Mills

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Key Suspects

Cooks — Left to Right: Norma Miles, Joyce Dunham, Margaret O'Riley.

Janitors — Russ Gould, Gene Runyen, Mr. Smith.

A Trap

more than a little discouraged with the case, seeing as there were so many suspects and so few clues to go on. But I didn't.

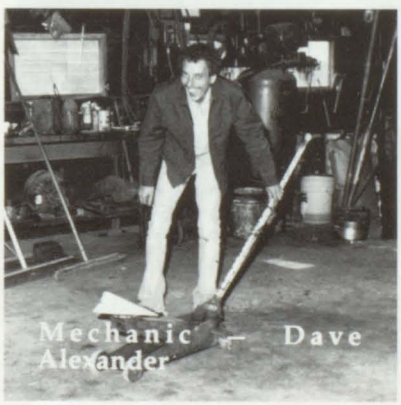
Being the talented and ingenious (traits that have made me famous the world over) detective that I am, I continued on, undaunted, looking for clues.

I concluded that unless I wanted to continue going nowhere fast on this case, I was going to need some help. I needed more inside information than what the students were giving me, but I didn't really know who could be trusted.

I knew I had to ask some responsible, logical people. Well, I asked the teachers anyway.

Because of the nature of the word "informant," I expected these people to inform me on important happenings around the school. Was I ever mistaken. All they wanted to do was to discuss such things as quadratic equations, adverbial clauses, the mole and Avagadro's number. Why should I care how many avocados a little furry creature can eat?

I decided to make it known that there were five diplomas that were in the principal's desk, not in the safe,



Mechanic — Dave Alexander

Bus Drivers — Left to Right: Leland Beck, Dave Luster, Pat Harris, Donny Braden, Anna Vest, Jack Haines. Missing: Tom Armstrong.

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Informants

during the robbery. I was hoping the scoundrel would make his move.

The trap was set.

I staked out the school on a Saturday night. I hid in the office under a desk. It was pitch dark. Suddenly, I heard the door creaking open. Someone walked across the room . . . and stepped on my hand that was sticking out from under the desk. I jumped out, grabbed the culprit, and threw him to the floor. I had him now! I ran and flipped on the lights. It was the principal.

I helped him up, dusted him off, and apologized . . . again and again.

Just then, we heard a car peeling out of the parking lot . . . It was a black and white *Volkswagen.*

As usual, I had come to another standstill. It seemed every time I came close to getting a real clue, it would end up being a dead end. As I was walking down the halls of the building I was to investigate, I came across a strand of hair. My heart leapt — A clue! I

Beth Allen — Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Math IV, Freshman Class Sponsor.

Miss Deborah Bates — Junior High and Senior High Librarian, Library Club Sponsor, Junior Class Sponsor.

Cathy Blanco — Spanish I, Spanish II, English II, Sophomore Class Sponsor, Play Sponsor.

Mr. Dennis Campbell — Biology I, Biology II, Student Council Advisor, Senior Class Sponsor.

Betty Coen — Typing I, Typing II, Accounting, Senior Class Sponsor.

Mrs. Diane Daggett — Home Economics I, II, III, IV, FHA Sponsor, Junior Class Sponsor.

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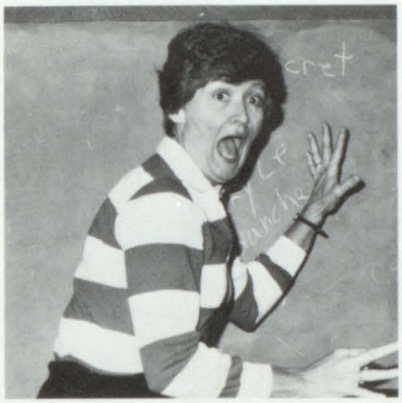
The Plot Thickens

bent down to examine this new treasure. Curious, I thought. This was a most peculiar strand of hair. It was rather thick for a single strand of hair. Then I noticed that it was – well, it was kinky, as though it had a permanent in it. Then, my keen private eye noticed something that had escaped me before. The hair was blue! I picked up my clue and left. The next day, I walked around the school trying to discover who had a blue, kinky head of hair. Well, I spent the whole day looking, and never found the suspect. That evening, I decided to attend a ball game at this school to further investigate my latest clue. The game was about to begin and the cheerleaders ran out on the floor and began to do the school song. I took one look at

Jack Haines – Drivers Education, Sophomore Class Sponsor.

Mr. Paul James – Boys Physical Education, Boys Head Basketball Coach.



Mrs. Sharon Johnson – Vocal Music Grades 1-6, Junior High Chorus and Swing Choir, High School Chorus and Swing Choir.

Mr. Rick Moma – High School Marching Band, High School Concert Band, Jazz Band, Jr. High Band, Grade School Band, Pom Pon Sponsor.

Mrs. Barb Maddin – Junior High and Senior High Learning Disabilities Resource Teacher.

Mr. Mike Maddin – Basic Math, Chemistry, Physics, Sophomore Class Sponsor, Yearbook Advisor, Science Club Sponsor, Science Fiction Club Advisor.

Mr. Jerry Kuykendall – Agriculture I, II, III, IV, FFA Advisor, Sophomore Class Sponsor.

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Something's Afoot

them, and my heart sank. Out there, on the floor were the 24 suspects I had been running around all day looking for. My precious clue – that strand of thick, kinky, blue hair was only one of the strands from a pom-pon! Drat – another dead end!

Jane Purvis – English III, General Business, Business English, Senior Class Sponsor, Newspaper Advisor.

Mr. James Queer – American History, World History, Current Events, Assistant Football Coach, Track Coach, Intramural Basketball, Senior Class Sponsor.

Miss Rita Roosevelt – Girls Physical Education, Head Volleyball Coach, Head Girls Basketball Coach, Track Coach, Freshman Class Sponsor.

Mrs. Stemler – Computer Basic, Computer Literacy.

Mrs. Kristin Swartz – English I, English IV, Speech, National Honor Society Sponsor.

Mr. Fred Thompson – Guidance Counselor, Psychology, Sociology, Head Football Coach, Baseball Coach, Powerlifting Coach, Freshman Class Sponsor.

Mrs. Janet Wood – Secretary.

Mrs. Kathleen Zimmerman – Art I and II, Eighth Grade Art, Cheerleading Sponsor, Sophomore Class Sponsor.

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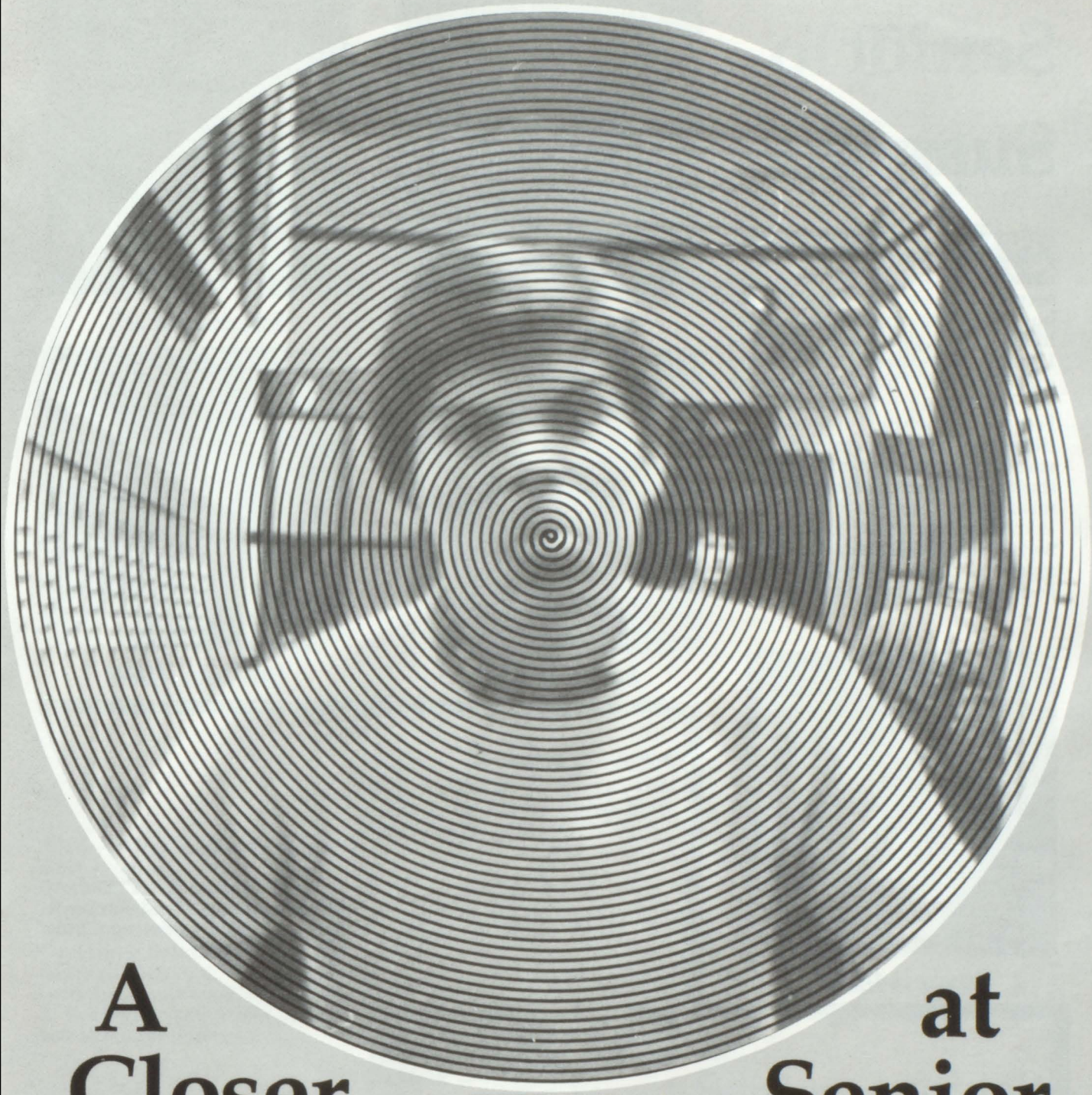


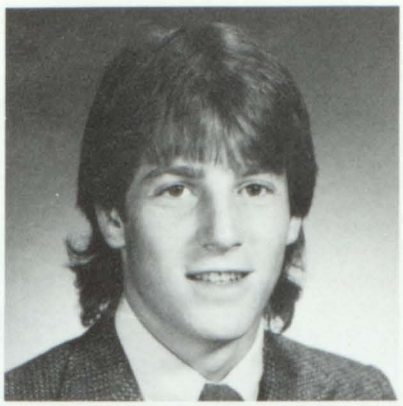
A Closer Look at Senior Suspects

Senior Suspects

Anyway, onto something more promising. There was this fellow named Blackie LaBlanche. He seemed to be a very nice fellow, but one thing confused me about him. It was the name, "Blackie LaBlanche." Blackie obviously meant "black," but his last name got confusing. "LaBlanche" is French for "white." It sounded a little contradictory to me. Why would someone have two names that are exactly the opposite in meaning?

I found out that Blackie was Swiss and studied him closely for a while. (I thought it was a good idea to watch all

Suspect #001



Suspect #002

Suspect #003

Suspect #004

Suspect #005

Senior Records

#001 – Bradley Neal Alexander – alias Brad – Student Council 4, Aid to President; Art Club 4; Basketball 2, Manager; Yearbook 4, Advertiser.

#002 – Ty Baietto –

2, 3, 4; Librarian 3, 4, President 4, Secretary Treasurer 3; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Swing Choir 2, 3, 4.

#003 – Tony Barricklow – Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Jazz Band 1, 2, 3, 4

#004 – Antoinette Renee Benoit – alias Toni – Newspaper; FHA

#005 – Lori Bricker – Cheerleading 1; Pom Pon 2, 3.

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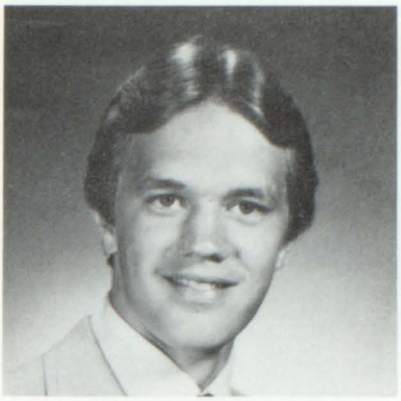
Is One of These People the Villain?

Suspect #006

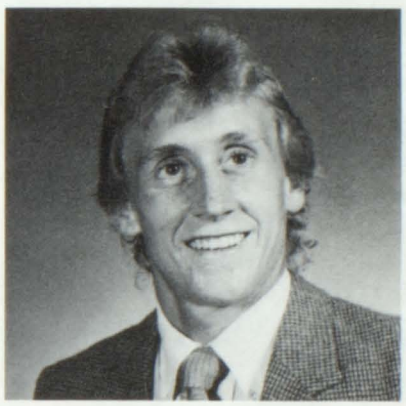


Suspect #007

Suspect #008

Suspect #009

of the foreign students.) He always stuck to himself. Even in pictures, as you may notice. He must have been a very shy person ... or else had something to hide. But no, the Swiss have always been known to be peaceful people.



Suspect #010

#006 – Michael Steven Brummitt – alias Mike – Student Council 2, 3, 4; Art Club 4; Homecoming Court 1, 2, 3, King 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Class President 4; Class Vice President 2, 3; Yearbook Advertiser 4; National Honor Society 3, 4.

#007 – Robert Purcival Christensen – alias Rob – Science Club 3, 4; Football 3; Track 3, 4.

#008 – Lisa Cooley – FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3.

#009 – LeeAnn Hastings DeMark –

#010 – Steven Lee Dixon – alias Steve – Student Council 3, 4, Sergeant

Senior Records

at Arms 3; Newspaper 1, 2; Art Club 4; Homecoming Court 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Yearbook Advertiser 4; National Honor Society 3, 4.

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Senior Suspects

What was it with the seniors? Why were they so high and mighty and influential? I decided that it was my duty to find out.

My first thought was to go to the underclassmen and ask them about the seniors. This turned out to be *very* helpful ... especially when I went to the freshmen.

The ones I talked to seemed to have an aversion to talking about the seniors. They were always looking over their shoulders and lowering their voices. They appeared frightened. How could anyone be frightened of such a nice bunch

Suspect #011

Suspect #012

Suspect #013

Suspect #014

Suspect #015

Senior Records

#011 – Carol Sue Dunham – alias Carol – Student Council 1; FHA 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3; Homecoming Court 2, 3, Queen 4; Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 4; Track 1, 4; Class Secretary 1; Yearbook Advertiser 4; Daughters of American Revolution Award 4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3, 4; McDonald's All-American Band Nominee 3.

#012 – David Dunn –

#013 – Kathrin Eckhart – alias Crazy German – Ambition Finishing School in Germany – Student Council 4; Newspaper 4; Chorus 4; Swing Choir 4; Yearbook Staff 4, Senior Assistant Editor 4; School Play 4.

#014 – Blackie LaBlanche – alias Simon LeMann – alias Riccardo LeStud – alias Pierre LePew – Ambition To Stay Out of Trouble – "Most Suspicious" Award 4; GAA 1; FHA 1, 2.

#015 – Jeffrey Todd Hazelrigg – alias Frodo – Ambition University of Illinois – Electrical Engineering – Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4, President 3, 4; Newspaper 2, 3; IA Club 1; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Jazz Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Science Club 3, 4; Class President 1, 2, 3; Yearbook Staff 3, 4; Junior Editor 3; Senior Co-Editor 4; Science Fiction 1, 2, 3, 4; Computer Club 3; Junior Marshall 3; National Honor Society 3, 4; Illinois State Scholar 3; Sons of the American Revolution 4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3, 4; Society of Distinguished American High School Students 3.

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No One Excluded From Suspicion

Suspect #016

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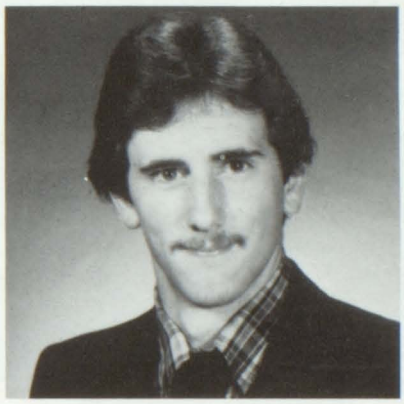
of kids? The thing that baffled me was one boy saying something about "penny-pushing"???



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#016 – Julie Dele Johnson – alias Jules – Ambition Elementary Education Eureka College – Art Club 3, 4; Pom Pon 3, 4, Captain 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4, Co-President 4; Swing Choir 2, 3, 4; Homecoming Court 4, Queen Candidate; Cheerleader 1; Yearbook Advertiser 4; School Play 4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3, 4.

#017 – Lisa Johnson – Art Club 3, 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3.

#018 – Phillip James Klein – alias Philm – Ambition Eastern Illinois University – IA 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramurals 3, 4.

#019 – Timothy Lee Lehman – alias Timbo – Ambition University of Illinois Economics/Accounting – Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary Treasurer 3, 4; IA Club 1; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 2; Jazz Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Science Club 2, 3, 4; Class Treasurer 1, 2, 3, 4; Yearbook Staff 4, Financial Editor/Managing Editor, Advertiser 4; Science Fiction Club 2, 3, 4; Louis Armstrong Jazz Award 3; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3; Computer Club 3; National Honor Society 3; Macon County Honor Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Voice of Democracy Speech 4; District Jazz Band 3; District and All State Band 4; School Play 4.

Senior Records

#020 – William Lewis –

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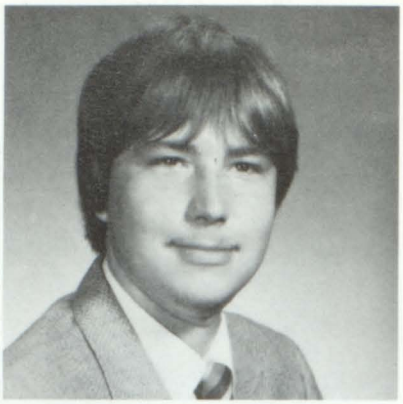
Senior Suspects

Could this nice group of apparently innocent-looking kids have been up to something?

Could they have had a reason for disposing of their diplomas? Why would they not wish to graduate? Someone would have to be out of their mind to want to stay in school any longer than was absolutely necessary!

I definitely needed to get a clue. The teachers provided me with a few.

They informed me that when the seniors came to their classes, they would try to con the teachers into not giving homework assignments. It sounds as if they



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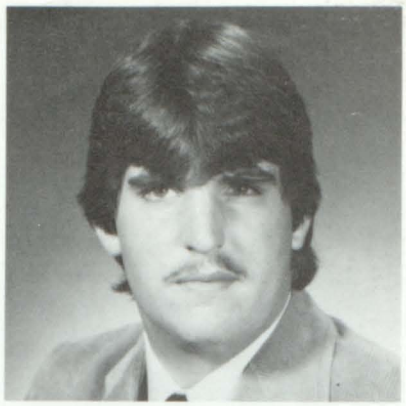

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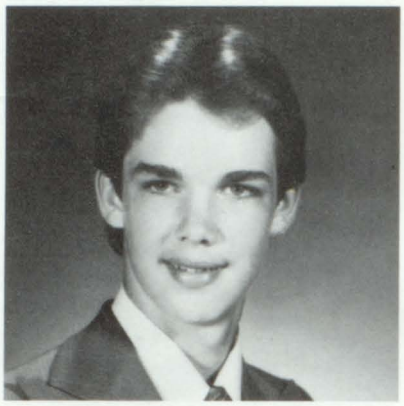

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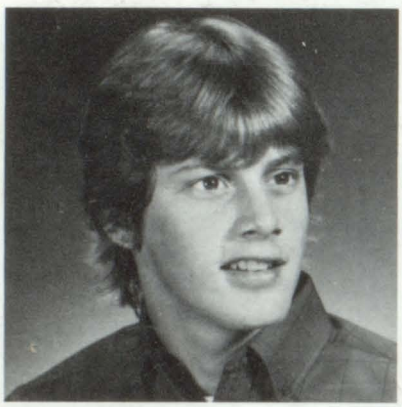

Suspect #025

Senior Records

#021 – Steve Lucas –

#022 – James B. Mattingly – alias Jamie – Ambition To Make Money

#023 – Randy McKay – Science Fiction 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Intramural Basketball 3, 4.

#024 – Elizabeth Ann McCoy – alias Lisa – Ambition College –

#025 – Eddie A. Miles – alias Eddie – Ambition Autobody – IA 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA 1.

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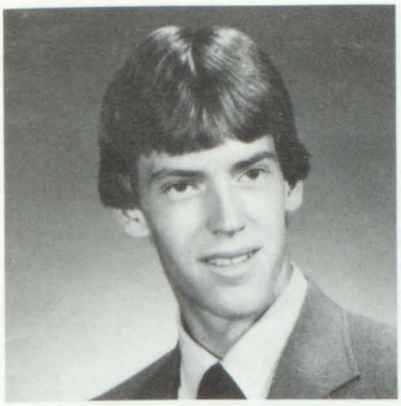

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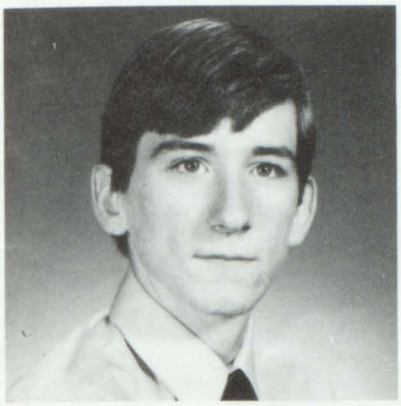
Suspect #027

Students Under Close Scrutiny



Suspect #028

Suspect #029

weren't being too cooperative.

Perhaps they wanted to save some assignments to do after they were supposed to be graduating.

But I chose not to jump to any conclusions at that point. It was possible that I could find some more incriminating evidence.

Suspect #030

#026 – Timothy Allen Miller – alias Timothy J. – Ambition Millikin University/Doctor – Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2; Track 1, 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 4; United States National Mathematics Award 4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3, 4; United States English Award 4.

#027 – Dagny Ness – alias Dag – Ambition Publicity at Rafael Landivar in Guatemala.

#028 – Richard Neff – Ambition to Make Someone Happy – Science Club 2, 3, 4; Football 3; School Play 4.

#029 – Scott William Parks – alias Potty Scarks – Ambition Speech Major/Millikin University – Newspaper 2, 3, 4, Co-Editor 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Band Council 2; Jazz Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Yearbook Staff 3, 4, Photography Editor 4, Advertiser 4; Macon County Honor Band 3; Oak Lawn Jazz Festival Outstanding Soloist Award 4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 4; School Play 4.

#030 – Paula Kay Pickett – alias Piglet – Ambition Pathologist – Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice President 3; Newspaper 2, 3, 4, Junior Editor 3; Co-Editor 4; Art Club 3, 4, Secretary 4; FHA 2, 3, 4, Recreation Chairman 3, Vice President 4; Jazz Band 2, 3, 4; Science Club 2, 3, 4, President 2, 4; Homecoming Court 1, 4;

Senior Records

Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity Captain 3, 4; Track 2, 4, Co-Captain 4; Class Vice President 2, 3; Class Secretary 1; Yearbook 4, Advertiser; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Illinois State Scholar 4; United States National Math Award 4; Junior Marshall 3, School Play 4.

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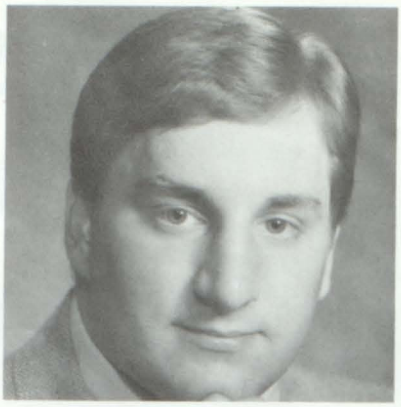
Senior Suspects

Going on the assumption that the party behind this crime could be a group *or* one person, I decided to look into the possibility of it being just one person.

There were three pretty suspicious seniors. All foreigners . . .

The first was Kathrin Eckhart, the German girl, who has been discussed previously. Why was she in America? What was her interest in this school? She had been my prime suspect for quite a while. I thought I was narrowing it down to her . . . but wait!

The second was Dagny Ness, from Guatemala. Why was



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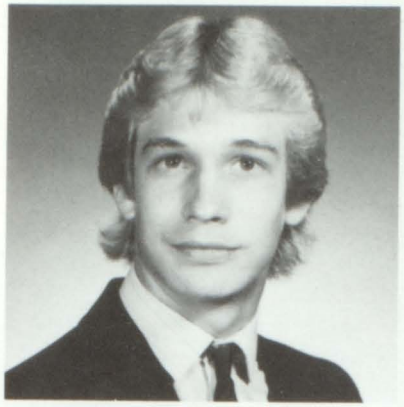

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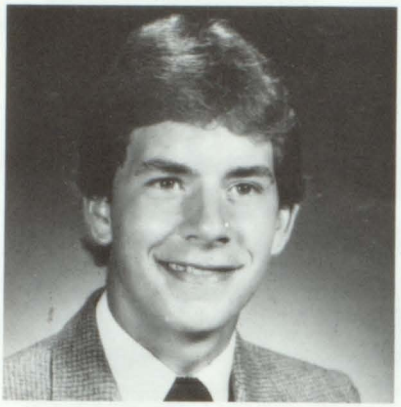

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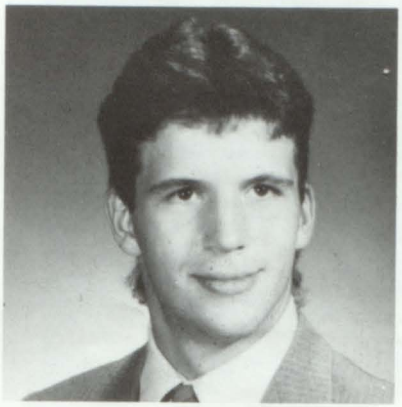

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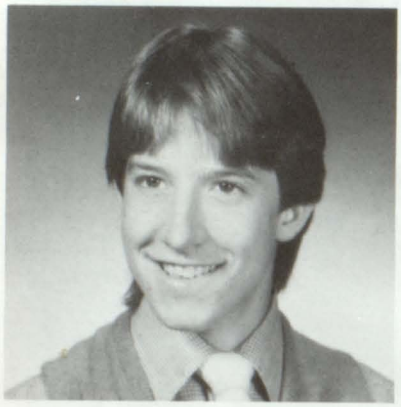

Suspect #035

Senior Records

#031 – Brian Powell – Art Club 4; IA Club 2, 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2; Track 4.

#032 – Jeffrey Query – alias Jeff – IA Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 4; FFA 1, 2; Football 1, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1; Track 2, 3, 4; Football All Conference 1st Team Offense and Defense; Macon County "Player of the Year"; Shriner's East-West All Star Game.

#033 – Joe Reeser – alias Scratch – Ambition Millikin University – IA Club 2; Football 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramural Basketball 4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3, 4.

#034 – Rex A. Rexilius – alias Dino – Ambition California, Business, Nicki – Science Fiction 4; Football 4; Argenta Football 1, 2, 3; Wrestling 1, 3.

#035 – Mike Rogers –

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Suspect #036

Suspect #037

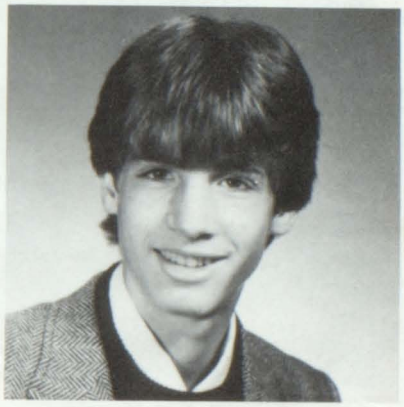
Do You See the Villain?

she here and what was *her* interest in the school?

The last was the Swiss guy, Blackie LaBlanche. But no, I'd already decided against him being the villain. He was too clean-cut. A guy like him would never stoop to such a thing as this.

Suspect #038

Suspect #039



Suspect #040

#036 – Colin Eugene Runyen – alias Hoss – Ambition College – IA Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Swing Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2; Track 3; Intramurals 3, 4.

#037 – Cynthia Marie Sides – alias Cindy – Ambition Richland, Marriage – Newspaper 4; Art Club 3, 4, President 4; Track 3, Boys Stat 2; Yearbook Staff 3; Volleyball Stat 3; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3, 4.

#038 – Christy Jo Smith – alias Christy Jo-Jo – Ambition Veterinarian – Student Council 4, Vice President 4; Band 1, 2, 3; Jazz Band 3, 4; Science Club 3, 4, Secretary-Treasurer 3; Vice President 4; Yearbook Staff 3, 4, Junior Editor 3, Senior Co-Editor 4; Science Fiction Club 3, 4, Secretary-Treasurer 3, 4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3, 4; Society of Distinguished American High School Students 3; Illinois State Scholar 4; United States National Math Award 4; Computer Club 3; Junior Marshall 3; National Honor Society 4; School Play 4; James Millikin Scholar; Valedictorian 4.

Senior Records

#039 – Michelle Ann Speasl – alias Blondie/Mickey – Ambition Major in Fashion Marketing/Become Buyer for Saxx 5th Avenue – Newspaper 4; Art Club 3, 4; FHA 1, 2; Librarian 1; Volleyball 1, 2.

#040 – John Jeffrey Stubblefield – alias Worm – Ambition Undecided – Track 2, 3; Science Computer 3; Chorus 2, 3; Swing Choir 2.

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Senior Suspects

"Perhaps the kitchen could hold some clues for me," I thought. Was I ever right! I hit the jackpot! But wait, what was this I saw?

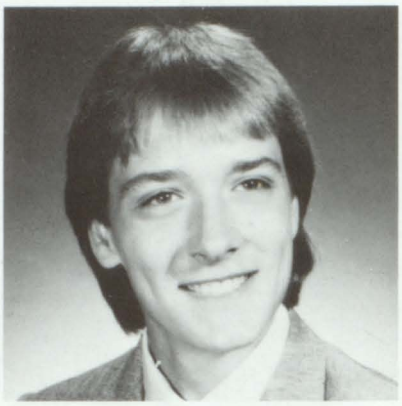
I walked in through the cafeteria (it just happened to be lunchtime) and saw a strange thing. Almost half the people were crowded around two tables sat end to end. What *were* they doing?

Well, I walked on into the kitchen and surprise, surprise, an abundance of clues!

On the counter was a *Swiss* chocolate candy bar and a *Swiss* army knife that was stuck in a chunk of *Swiss* cheese.

Suspect #041

Suspect #042



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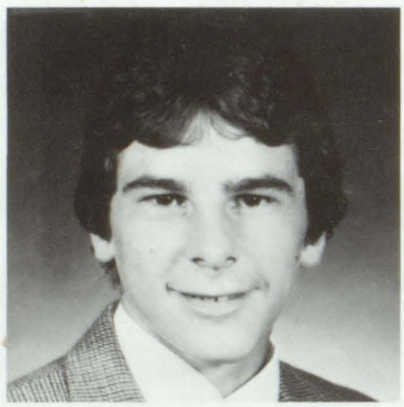

Suspect #045

Suspect #046

Senior Records

#041 – Vivian Tribbett – Ambition Architect –

#042 – Christopher Dane Vaughn – alias Chico – Ambition Computers and Data Processing –

#043 – Jeffery Allen Wade – alias Weiner – Ambition Pipefitter of Carboration Specialist – Art Club 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 2, Reporter 3, President 4.

#044 – Christopher K. Walls – alias BB – Ambition Computers and Data Processing – Librarian 1; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1.

#045 – Timothy Scott Weikle – alias Turtlehead – Ambition College – Art Club 4; IA Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice President 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3; Swing Choir 1, 2, 3; Homecoming Court 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football All-Conference 2nd Team 4; Football All Macon County 4; Baseball All-Conference 1st Team 3.

#046 – Amy Westerman – Student Council 4; Art Club 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3; Jazz Band 3; Class Secretary 4.

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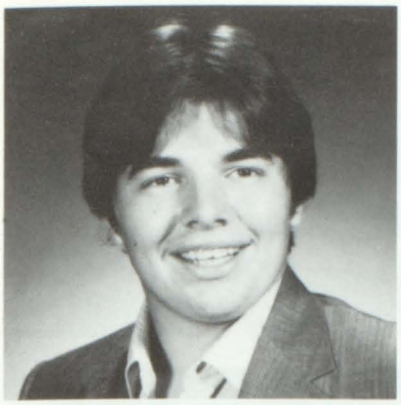
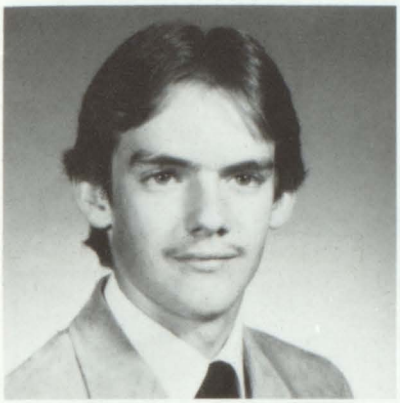
Seniors Conceal Clues



Suspect #047

Suspect #048

I must say, I found this most interesting. All these *Swiss* clues. It might lead one to believe that there had been someone here who was Swiss . . . Blackie LaBlanche. But, due to my keen detective instincts, I knew this wasn't true. I realized that it was not a Swiss person, but a *German!* It was Kathrin Eckhart again trying to throw me off the trail!



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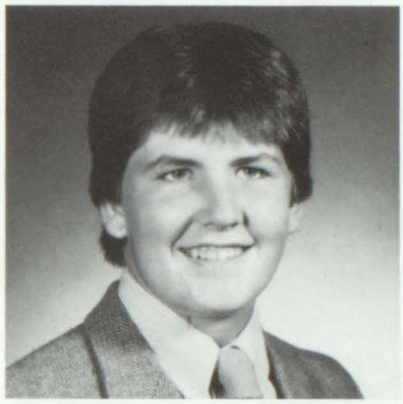

Suspect #050

Senior Records

#047 – David L. Wilber – alias Dave – Ambition To Live Long And Free – Art Club 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Science Fiction 1, 2, 3, 4.

#048 – Karen Michelle Williams – alias Willi-Bopper – Ambition Culver-Stockton College – Newspaper 3, 4; Art Club 4; FFA 3, 4; Chorus 2; Swing Choir 2; Vocational.

#049 – Mark Allen Williams – alias Mark – Ambition Accounting CPA – Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4.

#050 – Nathan Wood – alias Chubby – Ambition Recording Studio Management – Art Club 4; IA Club 1, 2, 4; FFA 2, 3; Homecoming Court 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4.

#051 – Christopher Handshy – alias Chris –

Suspect #051

"A Frisk?"

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Minor Suspects

I needed to delve back into the seniors' past . . . way back. Not just to the beginning of their school careers, but to the beginning of their lives.

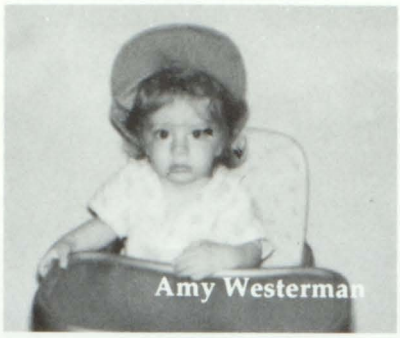
I cleverly deduced that the best way to study the seniors' childhoods would be to get baby pictures from them. But how? It came to me in a flash!

I talked to the

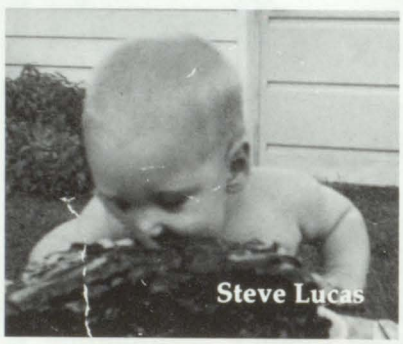
Blackie LaBlanche

Lisa Johnson

Lisa Co


Amy Westerman

Michael Brummitt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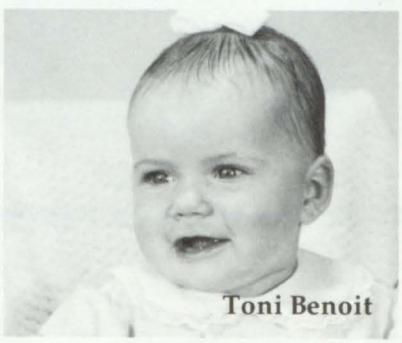
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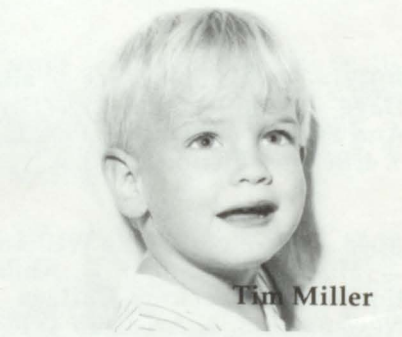
Tim Miller

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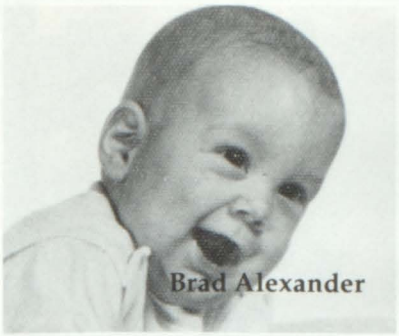
Minor Suspects

I talked to the yearbook staff and persuaded them to collect pictures and put them in the yearbook. Of course this was only a coverup so *I* could study the pictures.

The yearbook staff made the announcement and collected the pictures.

One was collected from every student. I knew from years of detective work that you could always spot a criminal by his face . . . even if he is only three months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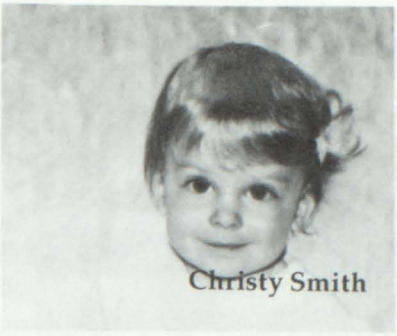
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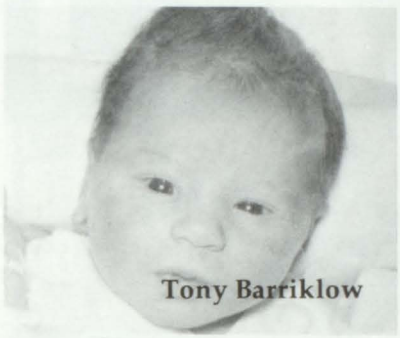
Julie Johnson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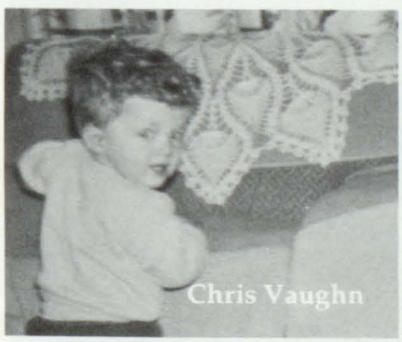
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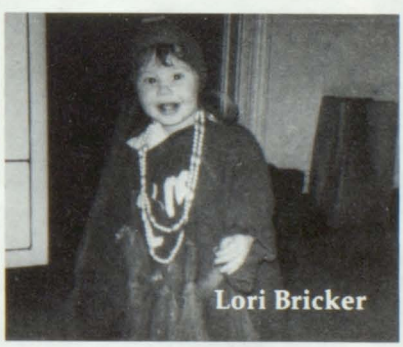
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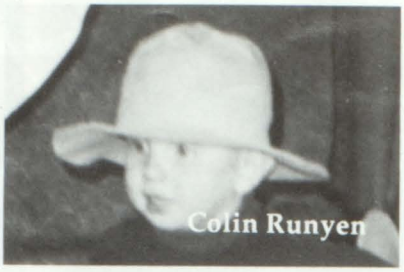

Colin Runyen

Phil Klein

Nathan Wood

Mark Wi

Katherine

old.

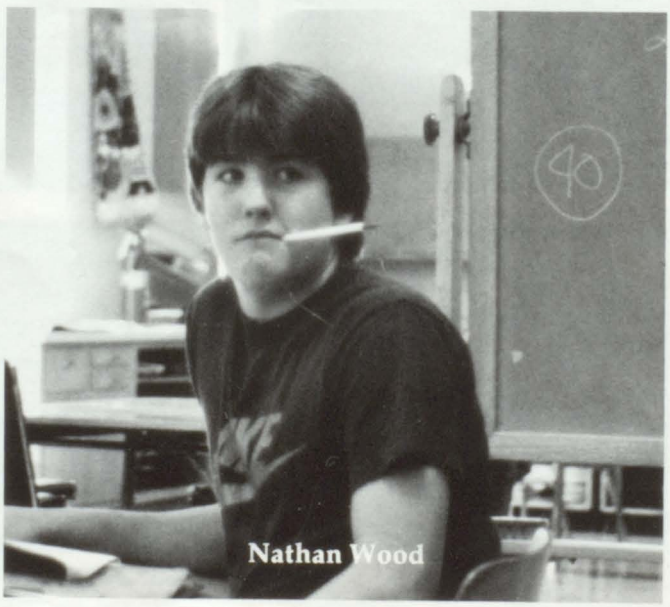
So, I received the pictures and proceeded to study them. Very interesting ... all very interesting. You wouldn't believe how much people change!

Well, now I'll let you in on what I found out ... absolutely nothing!

Seniors at Play

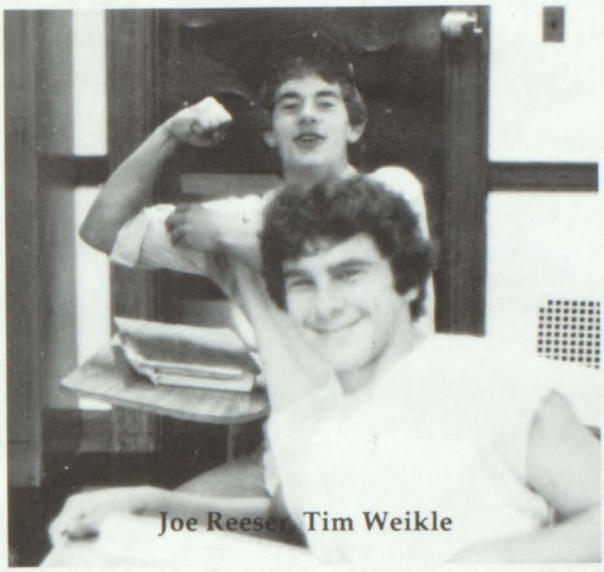
Steve Dixon

Scott Parks



Nathan Wood

Scott Parks, Rob Christianson, Tim Lehman



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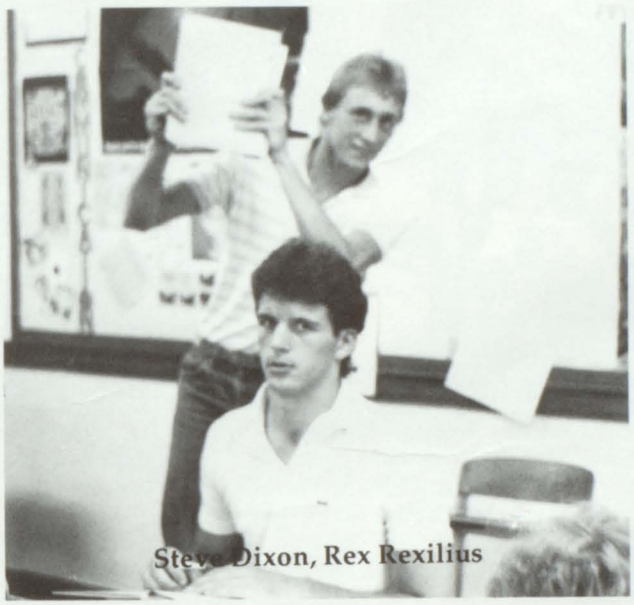
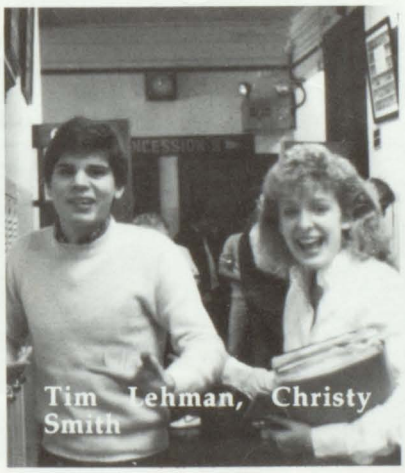
Paula Pickett



Steve Dixon, Rex Rexilius

Lee Ann Hastings, Cindy Sides



Tim Lehman, Christy Smith

Tim Lehman, Paula Pickett, Christy Smith

1985 Senior Clas

Top Row, Left to Right: Tim Miller, Paula Pickett, Amy Westerman, Julie Johnson, Lori
Carol Dunham, Colin Runyen, David Dunn, Rob Christenson, Brian Powell. Second Row,
Right: Joe Reeser, Lisa McCoy, Michelle Speasl, Cindy Sides, Toni Benoit, Bill Lewis, Randy
David Wilber, Steve Lucas, Rex Rexilius. Third Row, Left to Right: Todd Hazelrigg, Lisa J
Lee Ann Hastings, Lisa Cooley, Vivian Tribbitt, Brad Alexander, Mike Brummitt, Jeff Query
Row, Left to Right: Phil Klein, Christy Smith, Kathrine Ekhert, Scott Parks, Mark Willia
Wade, Mike Rodgers, Eddie Miles, Tim Weikle. Bottom Row, Left to Right: Richard Nef
Vaughn, Chris Walls, Tim Lehman, Tyrone Baietto, Jamie Mattingly, Nathan Wood, Steve Di

Maroa Past

Maroa

Top Row, Left to Right: Carol Dunham, Julie Johnson, Colin Runyen. Middle Row, Left to Right: Joe Reeser, Toni

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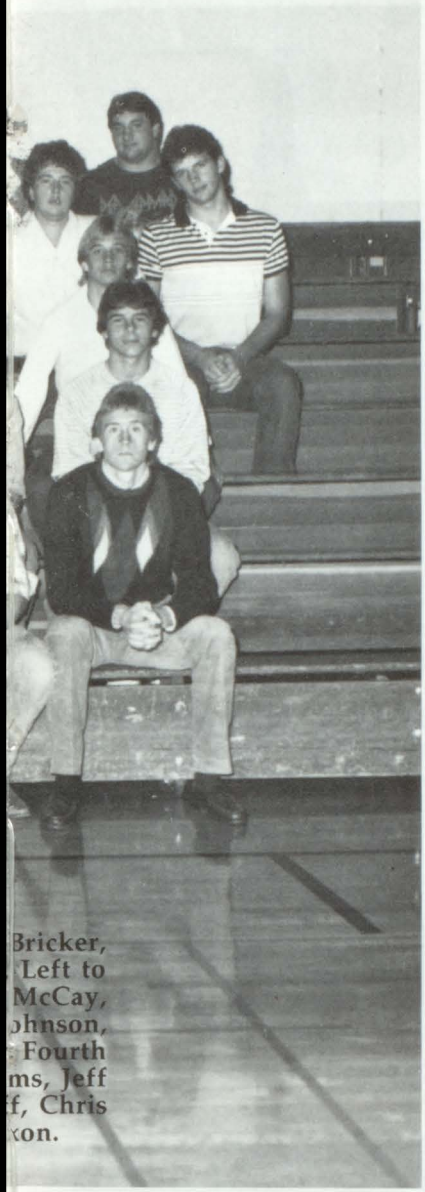

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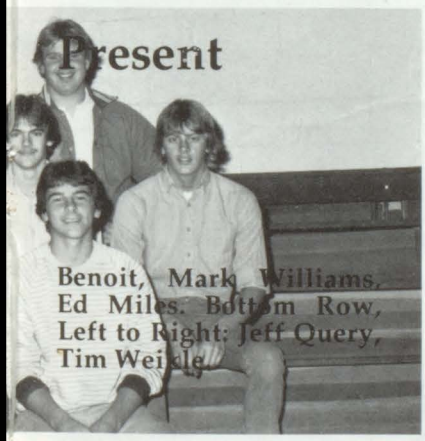
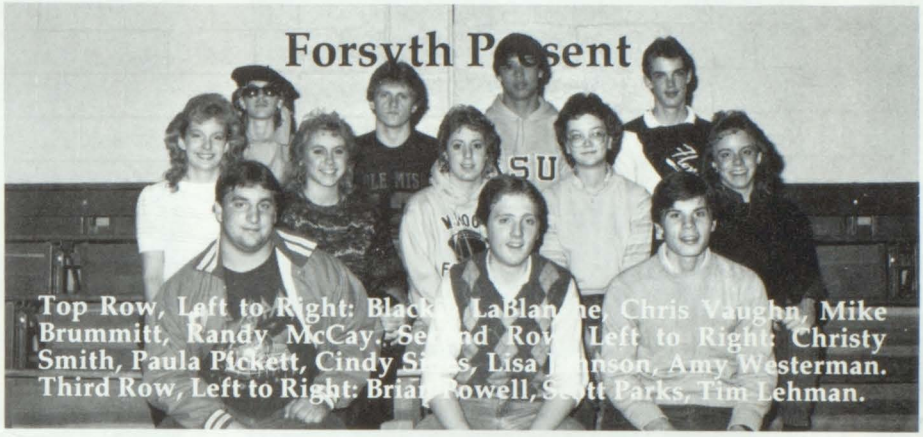


Present

Benoit, Mark Williams, Ed Miles. Bottom Row, Left to Right: Jeff Query, Tim Weikle

Forsyth Past



Forsyth Present

Top Row, Left to Right: Black, LaBlanche, Chris Vaughn, Mike Brummitt, Randy McCay. Second Row, Left to Right: Christy Smith, Paula Pickett, Cindy Sikes, Lisa Johnson, Amy Westerman. Third Row, Left to Right: Brian Powell, Scott Parks, Tim Lehman.

Senior Suspects' History

Seeing as the seniors were so influential in this school, I decided to investigate their pasts a little further.

In 1982, their freshman year, there were 54 of them. Their sponsors were Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Purvis, Mrs. Coen, and Mr. Bingamon. The officers were Todd Hazelrigg – President, Paula Pickett – Vice President, Carol Dunham – Secretary, Tim Lehman – Treasurer and the Homecoming attendants were Paula Pickett and Michael Brummitt.

The year was 1983, the class of 1985 mysteriously lost 2 students. They kept the same sponsors (I reasoned that they must have been paying them *very* well) and the class officers were Todd Hazelrigg – President, Michael Brummitt – Vice President, Paula Pickett – Secretary, and Tim Lehman – Treasurer. The Homecoming attendants were Carol Dunham and Michael Brummitt.

In 1984, they were juniors and most importantly, upper classmen. There were now 48 students. The class lost 2 more people. They again had the same sponsors, the officers were Todd Hazelrigg – President, Michael Brummitt – Vice President, Paula Pickett – Secretary, and Tim Lehman – Treasurer.

It was finally 1985, their senior and *final* year. They had finally made it. The officers were Michael Brummitt – President, Steve Dixon – Vice President, Amy Westerman – Secretary, Tim Lehman – Treasurer. The class still had the same sponsors.

I found out virtually nothing after investigating this. But, *where* did the class get the money to pay their sponsors?

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SENIOR

Most Suspicious – Blackie LaBlanche

Most Popular – Mike Brummitt and Paula Pickett

Done Most For Maroa-Forsyth High School – Todd Hazelrigg and Christy Smith and Paula Pickett

Most Athletic – Paula Pickett and Jeff Query

Most Likely to Succeed – Todd Hazelrigg and Christy Smith

Most Studious – Christy Smith and Brad Alexander

Most Musical – Tim Lehman and Christy Smith

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INTERROGATION

Something Suspicious?

CLUES?

Campus Cut-Ups – Amy Westerman, Tim Lehman

Most Friendly – Carol Dunham, Tim Lehman

Best Dressed – Paula Pickett, Steve Dixon

I must say that I was getting rather desperate. The board of concerned citizens was breathing down my neck. The school year was ½ over already, and I had no real leads.

I decided to interrogate the senior class. But so they wouldn't be suspicious of me, I had to think of a cover-up. I learned that it was an old tradition to find out who were the senior favorites. The seniors voted on such things as "Most Popular" and "Most Likely to Succeed." I planned to ask these questions as well as a few others. The senior class had a few write-in votes for "Most Suspicious." The winner? Blackie LaBlanche. I don't know why they had this misconception about him.

Who was trying to set him up? Why was *he* of all people the villain's scapegoat?

This poor boy had to be cleared of these unspoken accusations! The *real* villain had to be apprehended! If I could only catch her in the act!

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Foreign Suspects

Kathrine Maria Eckhart

That is me, Kathrine Eckhart, the foreign-exchange student from West Germany. My stay here lasted from August 14, 1984 to July 6, 1985. When I go home to Germany, I'll leave with so much more than when I arrived. Not only physically, but also in the way, that I experienced so much, that I have so many impressions and memories about my stay, that I'll never forget anyone.

The new friends I gained will stay in my heart and so will my thankfulness to tell the people who helped me during my stay.

When I go home I will tell a lot about America to show the German people the differences in the way of life, the schools, the people.

I got to love America so much and someday, I know, I'll come back.

Kathrine Eckhart – foreign exchange student

Dagny Ness

When they told me to write this, I thought, "I guess I'll never finish writing everything I want to say. Part of my good and bad moments that I have had in this school, my friends who always helped me in everything and the family I had here."

Before anything my name is Dagny Ness. I hope you won't forget the exchange student who had a funny accent and who came from a small but pretty country like Guatemala.

Sometimes people ask me, "Why did they send you to an unknown little place like this?" Now I give thanks for being sent here; it's a little place but with nice people and a different thing to learn each day.

My experience of being an exchange student was unforgettable. I'll remember when I was always late for classes or when I had to ask 1000 times because I couldn't understand; but for that I had my friends to whom I want to give thanks and above all to the Toths who I'll never forget.

Dagny Ness – foreign exchange student

Love, Dagny

A Closer Look at Junior Suspects

Junior Suspects

Although I had been working at the Maroa-Forsyth High School for many months, there was still one area that I had not explored. That was the hall that led from the high school to ... THE UNKNOWN!

I had often thought about this part of the school, but had not really had time to investigate it. Now, however, I was totally out of clues, so I decided to look into this strange region.

The first odd thing I discovered about THE UNKNOWN was that during the winter and on rainy days, many boys who were

Tim Allen

Will Austin

Tom Berry

Kim Birge

David Bischoff

Krista Bradshaw

Jerry Brummitt

Nick Cavanaugh

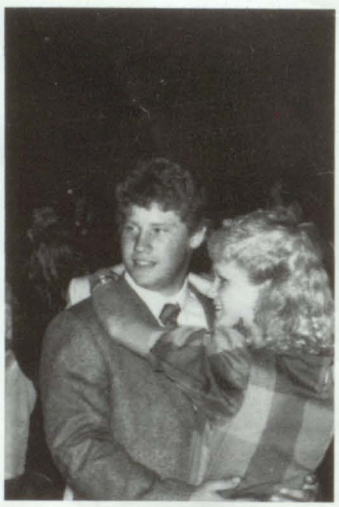
David Cochran

Jeff Cooley

Steve Crabill

Lisa Cunningham

Kim Day



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Nicki Earls

Rod Eversole

Rob Fogarty

Shelli Fombelle

Jodi Galloway

Kim Garner

Kristi Garner

Mike Griffith

Dawne Hamilton

Jim Hamilton

Tony Haws

Angie Holman

all dressed alike would go through that hall and disappear! Most irregular! I wondered if they could be going to some secret gang meeting there. I also wondered if Paul James, the P.E. teacher and basketball coach should be the gang leader since he always followed them over there. I figured he was trying to throw me off track by taking a coffee cup and newspaper with him. However, it takes a much more clever disguise than that to fool Mickey Wrench, private eye. So, being the fearless detective that I am, I decided to follow them one day.

As I sneaked down the hall, I began to sweat, this could finally be the clue that solved the case! When they finally reached their meeting room, I peered through the glass to see what they were doing. And what to my wondering eyes appeared? Nothing! All they were doing was having P.E. Curses — foiled again.

Junior Suspects

In my opinion, every detective should spend a lot of time on research, and if you want to know why, I have to tell you this part of my search for the villain. Soon after I started my examinations at Maroa-Forsyth High School, I realized how much time the average student spends in the gymnasium. So I reached out for my magnifying glass and the quest began. Hours I spent there, crawling along the bleachers, examining each and every scratch on the wood, I even examined under the bleachers. You can't believe what

Steffi Hood

Jeff Hunt

Susan Johnson

Brent Johnson

Kraig Kammenzind

Dayton Keys

Brian Lechleiter

Doug Lurcher

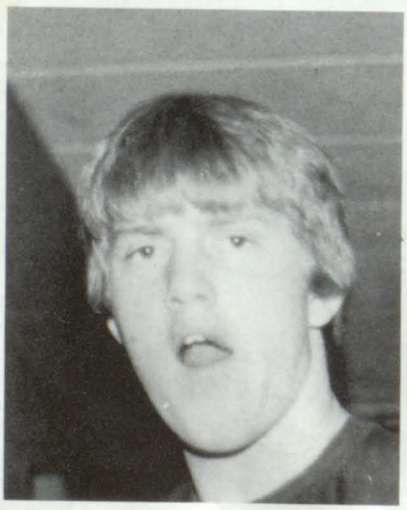
Mike Lobb

Doug Logue

Tammi Lowe

Jodi Lynch

Jeff Maddox



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Scott Major

Amy Margenthaler

Rob Marsh

Shawn McCay

Troy McFate

Shelie Meridith

Denise Morgan

Lisa Offer

Jeff Ohlemeyer

John Parker

Annet Parker

Scott Pinwell

all a man can find when doing such a thing. Thousands of "X loves Y," "y" was here 19. But then, after I was almost too sore to move and just about to give up, I detected IT!

The magnifying glass almost snapped against my nose when I read the following letters: "SAMOLPID" followed by a "B.B." To the unpracticed eyes of you, it might look like any other normal scratch, but my professional eyes discovered it. These letters, read backwards, said the following: DIPLOMAS and the following B.B. doesn't mean Brigitte Bardot, but Beulah Belle. Now at last I discovered that the villain could write, although with a little writing problem.

Junior Suspects

One day, after a hard day of work, when I was lying in my bed, I suddenly remembered a tiny, little detail, which I had forgotten about since my first day of examining. In my memory the picture of the waste-basket by the pop machine revived. And in this waste-basket was the certain thing that struck my intellect: A shiny, metallic-blue knitting needle! Why should someone throw away a perfect knitting needle, and especially in the school waste-basket. I jumped up in my bed. That had to be suspicious!

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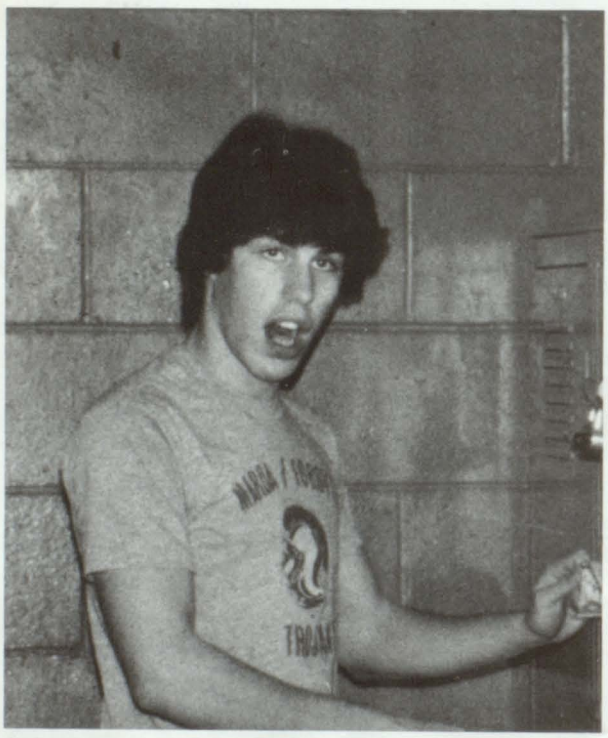
Missy Shaw

Wendy Shindler

Lisa Stubblefield

Bill Stuckey



Eddie Tohill

Michelle Toth

Lisa Vincent

Lori Weikle

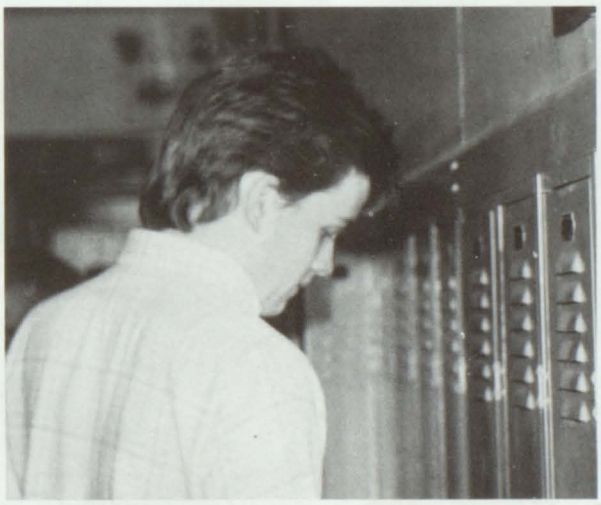
Lori Williams

Wes Wilson

I switched on my light, took my notebook – of course always handy – and put down this knitting needle as the first research point in the morning. Now I could sleep in peace.

In the morning then, I tried to concentrate on what had been done with this suspicious tool. Slowly, a picture of what had happened started to form in front of my inner eye. The villain had used this needle, to somehow reach out for the diplomas, to prevent possible fingerprints. And then, I concluded, this villain must be quite smart, of course not as smart as I am, because who would think of a thief to use such tricky instruments like knitting needles! Gloves are the usual thing to do dirty jobs with. This was for sure a hot trail. Knitting needles, there had to be some connection with Home Economics, but when asking the teacher, she had a much better idea! This foreign-exchange student was knitting all the time.

Now, the circle of possible villains grew smaller and smaller.

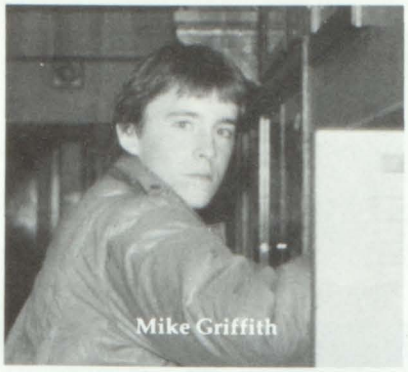


A Candid Look at Junior Suspects

So now you've seen all the Junior suspects. Do you think they look suspicious? Which one is the villain, if any?

I asked myself the same questions.

Now here's a look at some of the Junior suspects going about their daily routines.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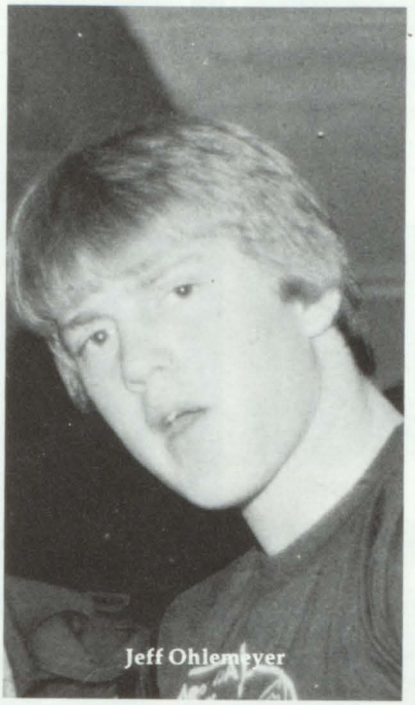
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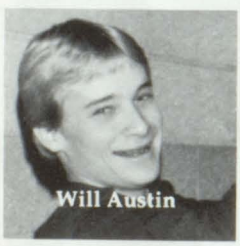
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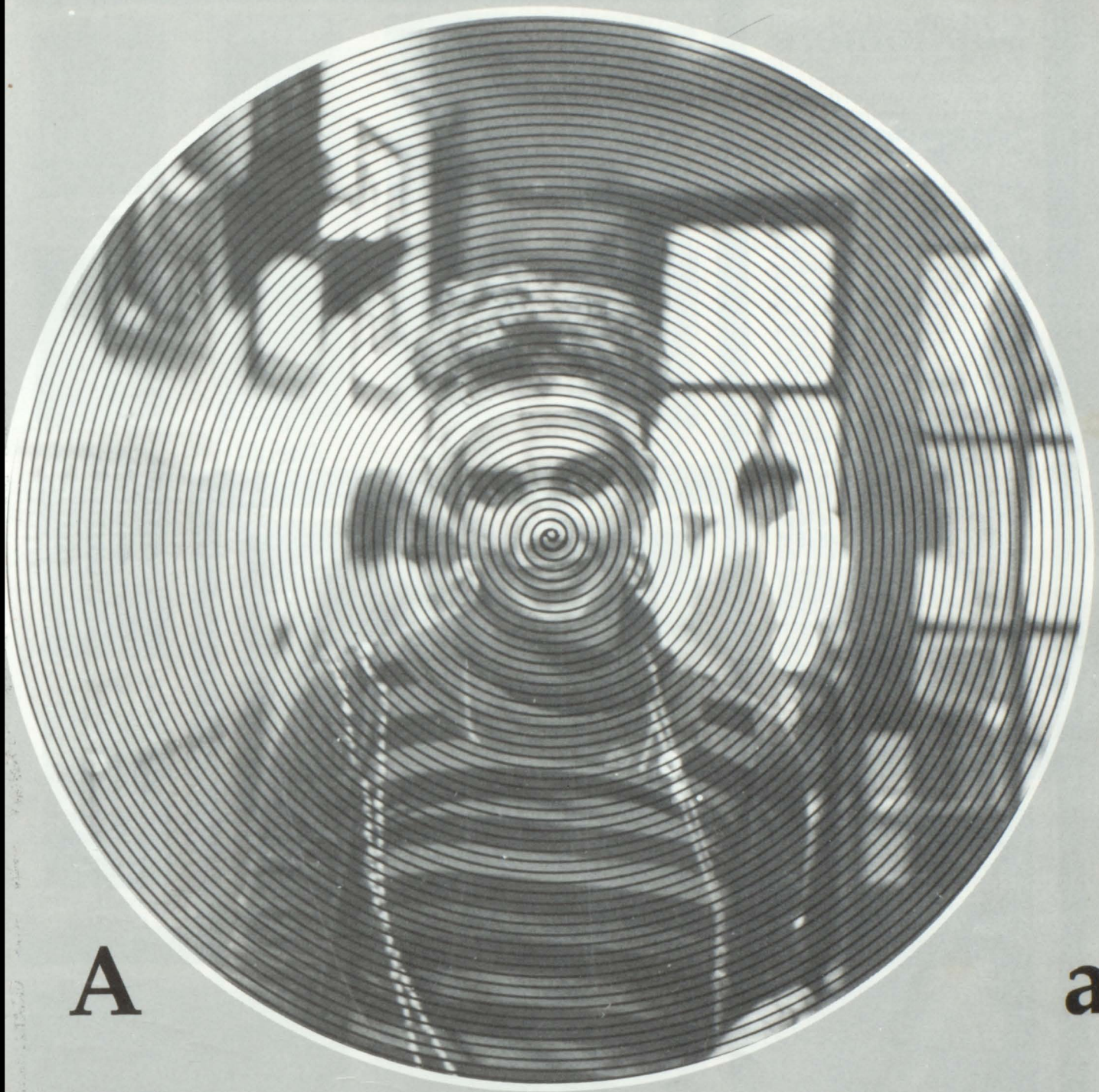
Steve Crabill



A Closer Look at Sophomore Suspects

Sophomore Suspects

My informants, the teachers, weren't doing too good a job of informing me of suspicious actions. Could I really trust them? I had to think of some way to find out. What to do? Ah-ha! A plan so cleverly masterminded that the teachers wouldn't even know I had anything whatsoever to do with it.

I presented my plan to the principal and he approved it. This is what it was.

It seems that gum and candy had been a problem at the school in the past. Wrappers were left lying around, and gum was stuck on to every-

Ann Atherton

Sarah Barringer

Jim Birge

Shannon Black

Wes Bogle

John Brown

Lori Christ

Mihelle Church

Charles Cole

Brian Crowdson

Ken Dash

Deia Demark

Paul Difani

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Angie Dickson

Jamie Eagler

Jeff Eagler

Joe Engle

April Fogarty

Todd Followell

David Foulke

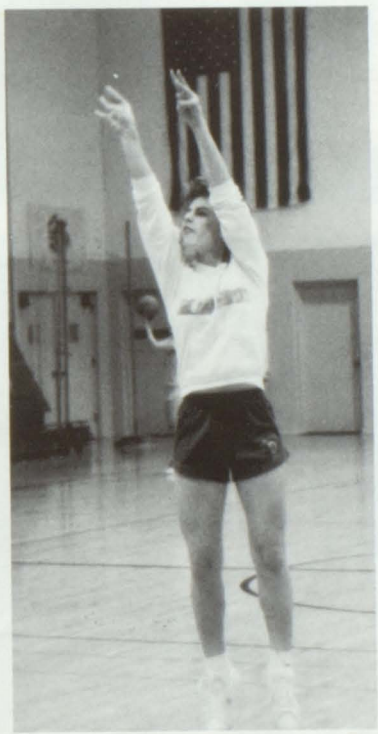
thing. My plan would solve my problem and the principal's. The idea was to have the teachers report on any gum-chewing or candy-eating. If anyone was caught doing either of these, they were to be given a detention.

The second part of the plan was to not let any students out in the hall during classes. They were only to be let out with a pass for emergencies ... to answer the "call of nature" you understand.

So, the plan was put into action. I must say that the students were not too happy about it. But some things must be sacrificed in order to solve a case. Of course, they didn't realize that I was the one who had devised this plan.

My plan worked ... for a while. I was just beginning to think that my suspicions about the teachers were unjustified when it started happening.

Gradually, candy wrappers were found lying around again. When walking by a classroom, one



Sophomore Suspects

could hear the old familiar sound of gum-popping. Students were caught out in the halls without passes and going other places besides the restrooms. What had happened to my brilliant plan? Why weren't the teachers giving passes or detentions? Oh, horror! I couldn't trust them!

It crushed me to know that I couldn't trust them. Now, I had to watch their every move. More suspects to watch.

I started observing them and looking for suspicious clues. I had seen things before that had never seemed suspi-

Shelli Friend

Gene Fruit

Kelli Gossman

David Green

P. J. Hambrecht

Michelle Harlow

Scott Hastings

Jeremy Helton

Jason House

Rana King

Andrea Lebeau

Tim Lohnes

Lisa Luka

Michelle Malone

Suzzette McClelland

Billy McCLure

Mike Mielke

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Tim Miller

Greg Newlin

Stefany Newton

cious to me, but now I knew them for their true nature.

Trailing as many of them as I could during the school days, I noticed that they all eventually ended up in one place . . . the forbidden teachers' lounge.

Why did they all congregate in that one location? What was so special about it? Why couldn't they eat and do whatever else it is they do with the students? I had to discover the answers to these and many other questions.

I reasoned that the best time to investigate would be at night, when nobody else was there.

The night was pitch black and cold. I pried the window open using my "Bazooka Joe Detective Kit," (it only cost me 27 comics and $9.95!) climbed in, and began my investigation. I couldn't turn on any lights, but I had a feeling someone else was with me . . . I could hear a low hum. I went into the little room where it seemed to be coming from.

Sophomore Suspects

I saw a dim light ... Oh goodness, I'd finally discovered why they were so secretive! They had a pop machine ... but worse, it was only 35¢! 5¢ cheaper than the students'!

They even had a bigger selection of drinks! What was the world coming to?!?

I had important questions to be answered. If I told the students would it cause an uprising or a revolt? Had the students perhaps already found out about the price difference and stolen the diplomas to spite the faculty?

Lee Parrot

Todd Phares

Tricia Pickett

Sean Plunkett

Mike Pope

Paul Ramsey

Jill Redman

Aimee Reeser

Kristi Ritter

Tammy Rotz

Lee Runyen

Shawn Runyen

Rhonda Smith

Angie Thrall

Kathy Torgerson

Brad Turner

Ron Wilbur

Brad Williams

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Mike Williams

The Shaddow

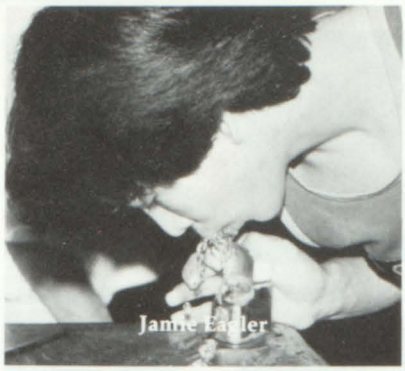
Do you have any ideas about who the villain is yet? If you don't, don't worry, the answer will be revealed at the end of the story. But, there are still many clues to go!

Keep turning pages and examining clues!

A Candid Look at Sophomore Suspects

Now you have seen the Sophomore suspects. Do you think any of them stole the diplomas? At this point, only my clever detective mind knows.

Here's a look at the Sophomores in action.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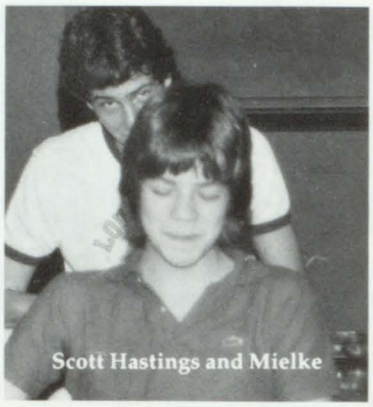
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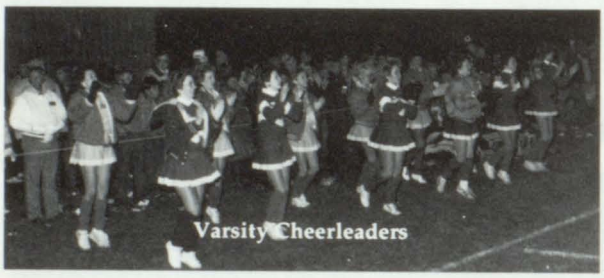
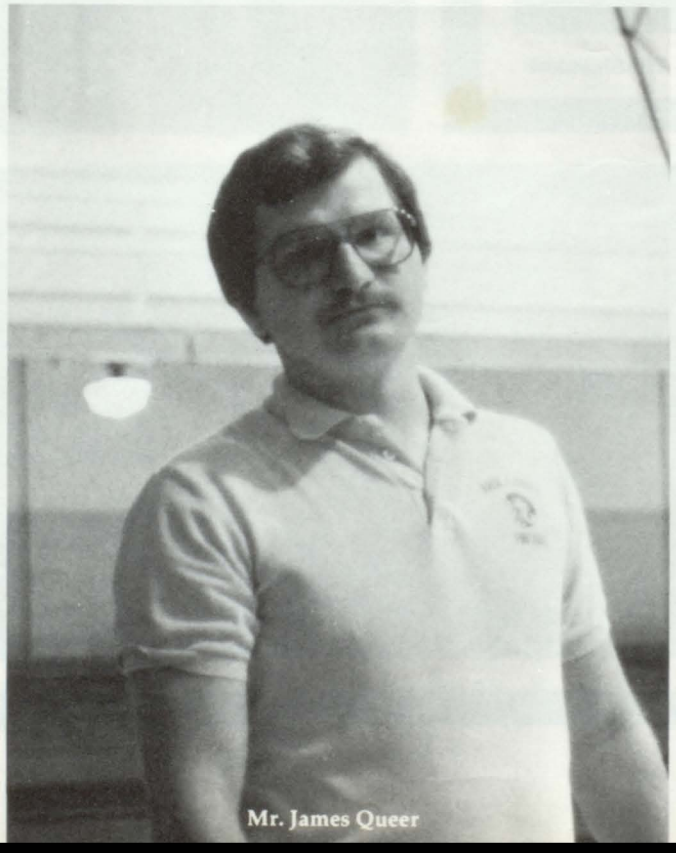

Varsity Cheerleaders

Jill Redman

Lee Parrott

Mike Mielke


Mr. James Queer

A Closer Look At Freshman Suspects

Freshman Suspects

I have often wondered what this generation's fascination is with cola (or uncola). I, myself, am an avid Irish Mocha Mint coffee drinker, so I don't really get into this cola business. However, the students at this school where I was employed have a need for this beverage. They have even gone so far as to have a pop machine installed in their school.

Now, being the possessor of a keen detective mind, I *had* to know if there could be some type of clue in this pop machine. So, I decided to

Robin Allen

Joe Anderson

Kenneth Benoit

Lisa Bledsaw

Dale Blis

Keith Bobbit

Mike Bolton

Laura Boys

Chad Braden

Larry Bricker

Julian Bell

Jenifer Butler

Mathew Carnahan

Carla Christensen

Mike Christensen

Carrie Cochrine

April Cotton

Joey Creek

Krystal Dunn

Theresa Dunn

Pamela Elliot

Tina Farren

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Boomer Ford

Jeff Foreman

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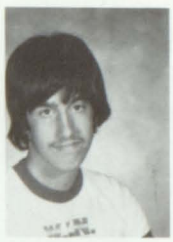

John Funk

Cory Garner

Rita Gentle

Paula Groves

Philip Hale

Karla Hampsmire

investigate.

I started my investigation on a Saturday when I knew there would be no students distracting me. To begin with, I searched the machine for clues. The only two things that struck me as clues were 1) the fact that pop was only 40¢ a can and 2) a sign pasted on the machine. I quickly discarded the first clue because I figured the kind people at Maroa-Forsyth were just giving the students a break. However, the second clue was another matter altogether.

The second clue was a sign that read "Please keep pop in this area." This was highly suspicious to me. Why couldn't students take pop from this area? In a flash, it came to me! The pop was really a bomb that would explode if taken from the immediate area. Finally — a clue! Now all I had to do was wait until Monday and then test my theory.

Freshman Suspects

I was beginning to notice little things that I had taken for granted before.

Things I saw every day while I was investigating at the school, but I had never thought could be suspicious.

There were two such things that I noticed one morning as I was parking my car and then as I was walking into the school building.

I parked my car across the street from the school and gazed across the lawn. "How interesting," I thought, "I've never really noticed that before!" I was looking at the big bulletin board on

Becky Harper

Amy Hays

Stacy Huges

Darwin Jarred

Chad Johnson

Howard Keys

Tracy Kinny

Matt Lake

Crystal Lazell

Jeremy Lehman

Tom Lowe

Tim Lucas

Krista Major

Michelle Marsh

Nicki Mathews

Crystal McCay

Annet McClelland

Michelle Meirer

Lary Meridith

Scott Miller

Joel Morgan

Tony Neps

Chris Orr

Katrina Parker

Jeff Patterson

Richie Peterson

Stephanie Pickett

Dori Pierson

Tammy Pierson

Alice Runyen

Angela Ryan

Chad Schleder

the front lawn. Were those words on them in secret code? Were they messages to some gang of villains? I believed them to be.

I walked on into the building, rejoicing over my newly-found clue, when something else caught my eye. I'd found the replies to the first messages!

By the stairs, in the hall, was another, smaller bulletin board, with words on it, like the larger one. They *were* in code! There were even initials at the bottom of this one. What kind of criminal would leave his initials? I'd soon have him (or her) tracked down!

Freshman Suspects

I had just been given a lead. A student told me I might want to check into this Driver's Education business. He said there was something fishy going on. I thanked him and began my investigation.

I first checked out the car. I checked in the car, under seats, between seats and in the glove compartment. Hmm — nothing strange there. Then I decided that maybe someone had been tampering with the engine. Time to check under the hood. Hmm — well, that thing-a-mabob looks ok, and that watchamacallit looks alright. I guess there's nothing wrong here either. Well,

Jeff Schmahl

Tina Sears

Scott Schofner

Pat Spang

Jim Step

Carla Stoots

Becky Swinger

Scott Thompson

Lisa Thrall

Wendy Tohill

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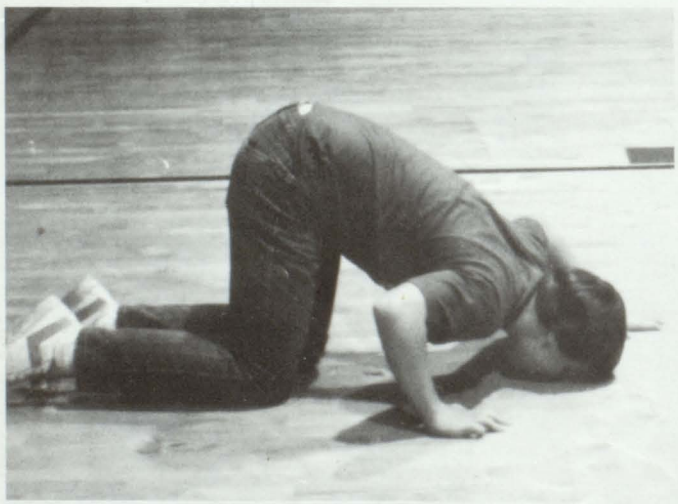

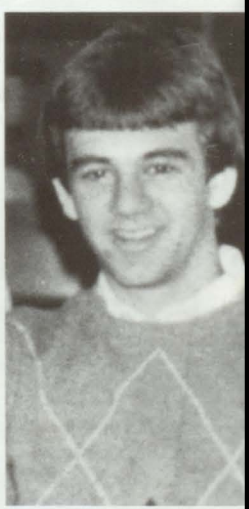

Kelly Townsend

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Ed Vincent

Renee Walace

Tim Walls

Daniel Weikle

Skip Weikle

Shannon Whitaker

Melissa Wilson

Darrel Woodlem

it appeared the car was fine – what else could be fishy about Driver's Ed?

The next thing I thought of was – maybe the students were suspicious. After all, they always came in from Driver's Ed. wearing a big smile on their faces and carrying McDonald's sacks. Upon questioning them, however, I learned that the only reason they were so happy was because their stomachs were full and they had gotten out of a study hall just to do driving around. I never thought of that!

The only funny thing left about Driver's Ed. was Mr. Haines. I thought he must be trying to hide something. I mean, a person with nothing to hide would certainly *not* get into a car with inexperienced drivers and say, "Let's go." When I asked Mr. Haines why he rode with the students, he said, "It's my job." OOPS! I never thought of that!

A Candid Look at Freshman Suspects

You've just seen the Freshman suspects. Who committed this devious crime? It's quite alright if you don't know yet; you're not master detectives, like me!

Now here's a look at the Freshman suspects during a day of school.

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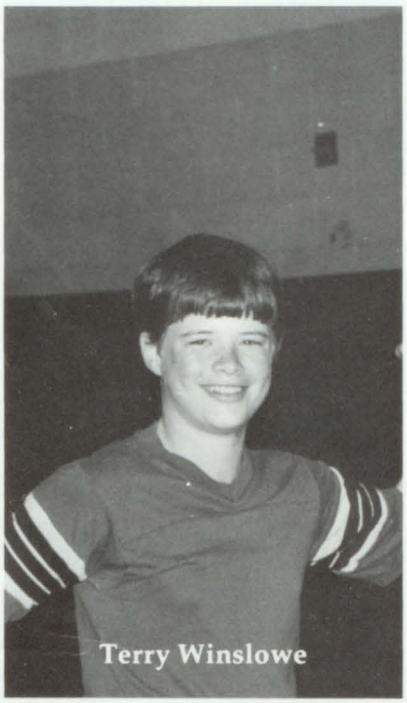
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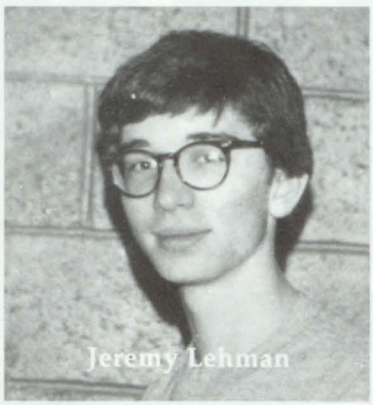
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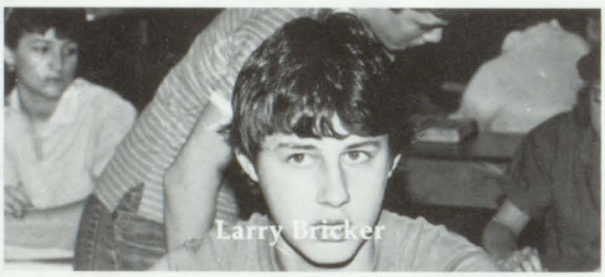

Larry Bricker

Tony Neps

C h a d Johnson

Shelly Marsh and Boomer Ford

C a r r i Cochrane and Majors

A Closer Look At Gang Suspects

Songbirds Won't Sing

The Johnson gang, alias the Chorus, was a very interesting group of people. I tried to get information out of them for about two hours during an extended chorus practice but I kept getting the same old song and dance. I finally got the clue that they did not wish to talk to me when they started singing the song "Beat It." I concluded that this group could not possibly have stolen the diplomas because they would have made too much noise singing and dancing when they stole them.

Johnson Gang

The chrous had a very busy year. Performing at numerous contests, banquets, and other miscellaneous performances. Not to mention a musical called "Teen II" that was enjoyed by all who came to see it. Under the leadership of Mrs. Sharon Johnson the Chorus has flourished into a booming success. Keep it up Mrs. Johnson.

See "Gang Membership" for Names

Mrs. Sharon Johnson

See-Saw Gang Alias The Swing

Gang Memberships

Johnson Gang –

Top Row, Left to Right: Skip Weikle, Jeff Patterson, Daniel Weikle, Lee Parrott, Jeff Ohlemeyer, Colin Runyen, Sharon Johnson, Chad Johnson, Jeff Hunt, David Foulke, Chad Schleder, Jeremy Lehman, John Schuler, Jamie Eagler. Middle Row, Left to Right: Jeff Eagler, Nicki Mathews, Lisa Vincent, Jill Redman, Carla Stoots, Julie Bell, Kelly Townsend, Tracy Kinny, Shelli Friend, April Cotton, Kelly Gossman, Philip Hale. Bottom Row, Left to Right: Sarah Barringer, Katrina Parker, Lisa Stubblefield, Annet McClelland, Suzett McClelland, Shelli Fombelle, Michelle Church, Lisa Cunningham, Cathy Torgerson, Toni Benoit, Kathrine Eckert, Julie Johnson.

See-Saw Gang –

Bottom Row, Left to Right: Michelle Church, Julie Johnson, Kathrine Ekhert, Lisa Cunningham, Katrina Parker. Next Row: John Schuler, Daniel Weikle, Jamie Eagler, David Foulke, Skip Weikle, Philip Hale. Next Row: Sarah Barringer, Chad Schleder, Suzett McClelland, Jeff Hunt, Lisa Stubblefield, Chad Johnson, Mrs. Johnson, Colin Runyen, Sheli Fombelle, Jeff Ohlemeyer, Annett McClelland, Lee Parott, Kathy Torgerson.

[illegible] Varsity [illegible] — Left to [illegible] Shelly Marsh, Ann Atherton, Krisn Ritter, Michelle Malone, Tricia Pickett, Stephanie Pickett.

Varsity — Kristi Garner, [illegible] Left — Paula Pickett,

Bottom Row, Left to Right: Lisa Shuttlefield, Paula Pickett, Carol Dunham, Lori Williams.

Next Row: Ann Atherton, Kristi Garner, Stephanie Pickett, Michelle Malone, Tricia

The M-F Gang

Lori Williams

Captains - Left to R[illegible] Carol Dunham and Paula Pick[illegible]

This year's cheerleaders have had a long and busy year.

Most of the cheerleaders attended camp in the summer. This year's camp was sponsored by the Dynamic Cheerleaders Association in June, at Wesleyan Illinois University. There, the M-F squads learned several new cheers to bring home and do for the crowds. Everyone had a good time, even if the varsity squad giggled too much during "Tight Fisted Might!"

In the fall, the cheerleaders cheered for the football teams. They gave their usual homecoming assembly after taking a lot of their time and hard work. The crowds loved their skits, and the hard work paid off. The girls cheered the Trojans all the way to the semi-final game at Paxton.

After football, the girls led the cheering for the basketball Trojans!

[illegible] Pickett, Kristi Ritter, Kami Garner, Shelli Marsh

Band Bands Together

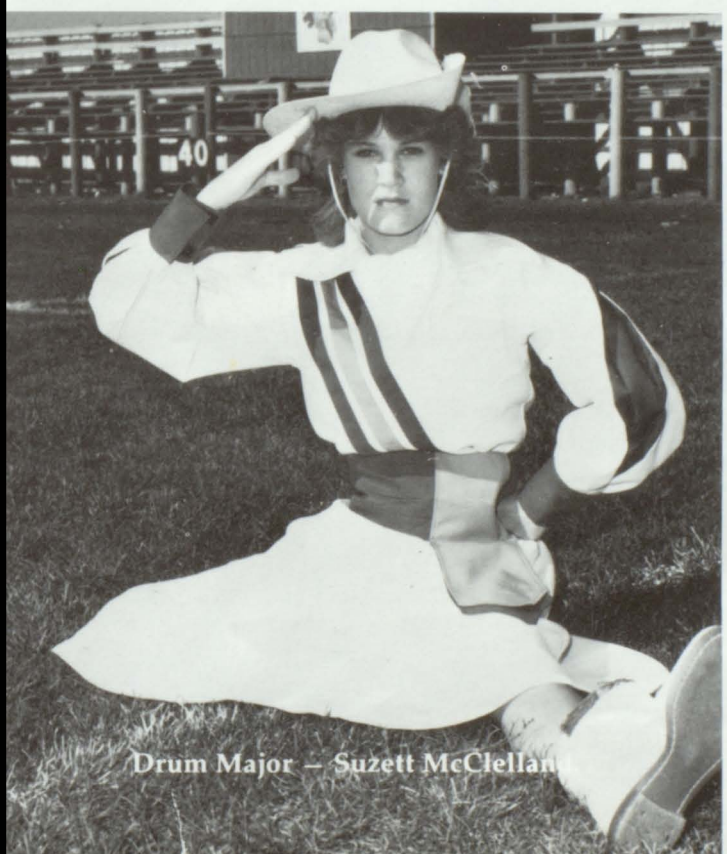
The Maroa-Forsyth Marching Band had a very successful year in the 1984-1985 school year.

Under the direction of Mr. Richard Moma, they competed in contests and performed many fine half-time shows at home football games.

The flag squad also did very well at the football games. Mr. Moma did a very fine job with the band in his first year here at Maroa.

Maroa-Forsyth High School Marching Band — Bottom Row, Left to Right: Kathy Torgerson, Michelle Meiner, Becky Harper, Steven Tothrow, Suzett McClelland, Laura Tyman, Skip Weikle, Rhonda Runyen, Angie Thrall, Matt Carnahan. Second Row: Tony Haws, Brian Schleder, Lisa Stubblefield, Jeremy Lehman, Tony Barricklow, Krisa Bradshaw, Carrie Cochrine, Todd Hazelrigg. Third Row: Kim Birge, Wendy Tohill, Stephanie Pickett, Tim Lehman, Krista Major, Tina Sears, Michelle Toth, Rita Gentle. Top Row: Kelly Gossman, Shannon Runyen, Annett McClelland, Wendy Shindler, Aimee Reeser, Ann Atherton, David Bischoff, Michelle Malone, Scott Parks, Aimee Haws, Michelle Church, Angie Thrall, Shelli Marsh, Shelli Fombelle, Julie Johnson, Amy Margenthaler, Krystal McCay, Katrina Parker.

Concert Band – Bottom Row, Left to Right: Suzett McClelland, Annett McClelland, Todd Hazelrigg, Wendy Swindler, Stephanie Pickett, Amy Hayes, Jan Atherton, Michelle Malone, Tina Sears, Jeremy Lehman, Shelly Marsh, Krista Major, Wendy Tomlin. Second Row: Julie Johnson, Michelle Church, Angie Thrall, David Bischoff, Shawn McCay, Tim Lehman, Scott Parks, Michelle Meirer, Aimee Reeser, Skip Weikle, Lisa Stubblefield, Shelli Bumbelis. Top Row: Carrie Cochrine, Becky Harper, Michelle Toth, Rita Gentle, Mathew Carnahan, Steve Tothrow, Kim Birge, Rhonda Runyen, Krista Bradshaw, Lisa Thrall, Laura Tyman, Brian Schleuer, Tony Haws.



Drum Major – Suzett McClellan

Concert Band

This year was also a very successful year for the Maroa-Forsyth concert band. Also under the direction of Mr. Richard Moma, the concert band played a few concerts and attended the Macon County Band Festival and had a good time.

A good year is anticipated for the band next year because of the many Junior High students entering High School. The band will probably be larger than it has been in years. All in all, it has been a successful year for the concert band as well.

Best Jazz Band Season Yet!

I started watching the Jazz Band very closely. I talked to them and discovered a little about the group. It seems that they had been very successful this past year.

The Jazz Band received a first at the Oak Lawn Jazz Band Festival and a first and best of class at the Millikin Jazz Band Festival.

The only thing suspicious was when I was watching all the members arriving to practice. One girl was carrying a case that they claimed was a bass guitar, but I knew it was machine gun.

There was to be a Jazz Band concert called "Jazz '85" on May 18th and 19th. I concluded that I should probably go to this function and check up some more on this shady group.

Jazz Band

Bottom Row, Left to Right: Shelly Marsh, Mathew Carnahan, Michelle Malone, Lisa Stubblefield, Scott Parks, Pa[illegible]ckett. Mi[illegible] Row, Left to Right: Tom[illegible]ws, Brian Schleder, Tim Lehman, Jeremy Lehman, Skip Weikle, Steven Tothro. Top Row, Left to Right: [illegible]rrie Cochrane, Suzett McClelland, Christy Smith, Todd Hazelrigg, Amy Hays, Stephanie Pickett, [illegible]ill.

Sticky Fingers Gang

Front Row, Left to Right: Cathy Torgerson, Krystal Dunn, Katrina Parker, Kelli Gossman, Crystal McCay, Shannon Black. Top Row, Left to Right: Amy Margenthaler, Wendy Shindler, Shelli Fombelle, Julie Johnson, Aimee Reeser, Annet McClelland.

Captain – Julie Johnson

Fuzzy Things Stick to Fingers!

The next group I'm about to tell you about is the Pom-pon girls. It's not a pretty story, nor a pretty sight.

I watched them at a few of their performances and discovered a terrible thing: They had fuzzy things sticking to their fingers! It seems they couldn't shake them off, no matter how hard they tried!

I think this group can be ruled out as possible villains. There's no way they could have stolen the diplomas with *those* things on their hands!

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Loan Shark Gang

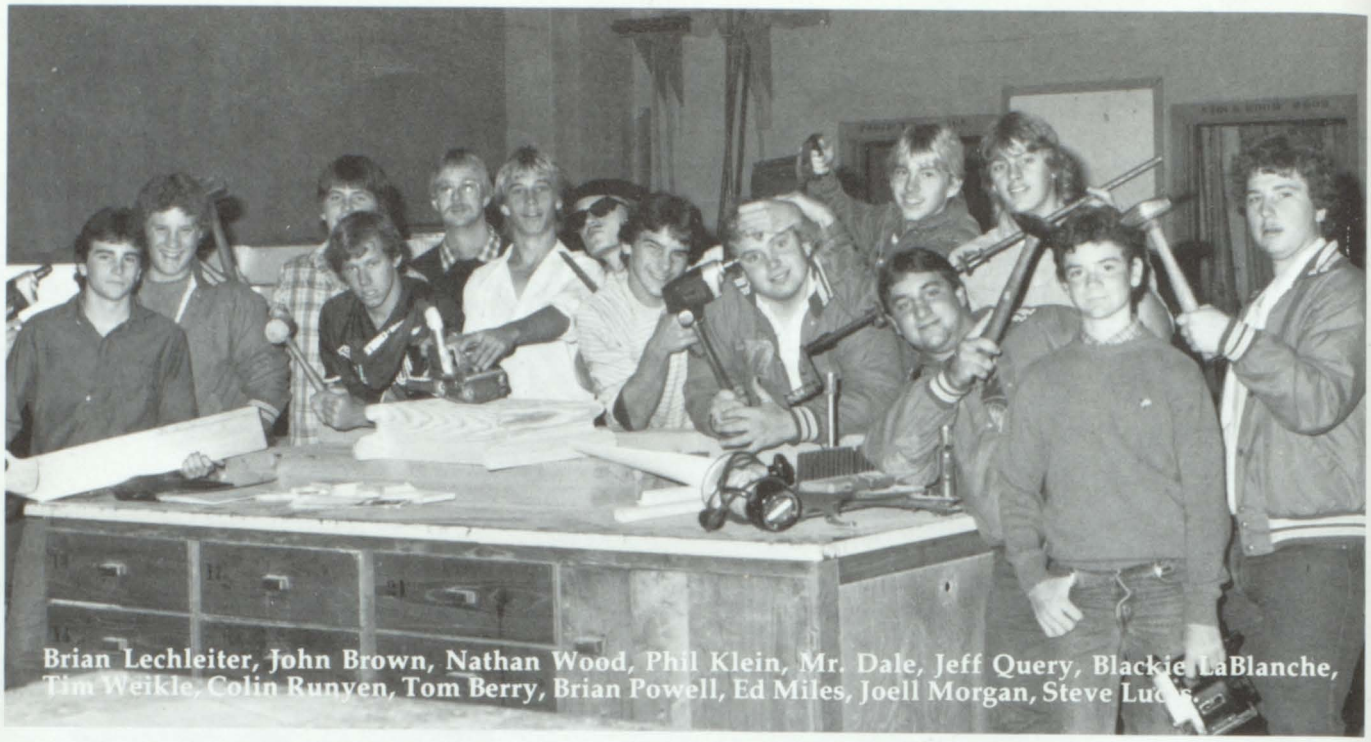
This is the infamous Loan-Shark gang. So-called because they *loan* out books and reading materials. This may seem normal until you hear the rest. If the materials are not returned when they want them, a ridiculous fee (ridiculously low, that is) must be paid. If that isn't paid, well, I think you get the picture.

Front Row, Left to Right: Nicki Mathews, Michelle Meirer, Carla Christenson, Dee Hamilton, Toni Benoit.
Second Row: Shannon Black, Becky Swinger, April Fogarty, Michelle Harlowe, Missy Shaw, Lisa Thrall.

Double District Gang

The Double-District Gang ... sounds pretty suspicious doesn't it? They're called this because they not only go to Maroa, but take classes in the nearby city of Decatur. I have reason to believe they could be double-agents spying for both districts!

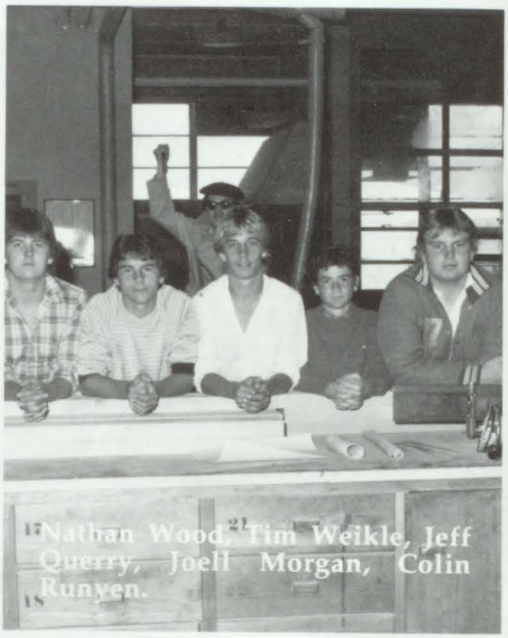
Left to Right: Tammy Lowe, Steve Lucas, Eddie Miles, Jeff Query, Vivian Tribbit, Randy McCay.



Brian Lechleiter, John Brown, Nathan Wood, Phil Klein, Mr. Dale, Jeff Query, Blackie LaBlanche, Tim Weikle, Colin Runyen, Tom Berry, Brian Powell, Ed Miles, Joell Morgan, Steve Lucas.

I.A. Gang

Suspects Build Suspense



Nathan Wood, Tim Weikle, Jeff Querry, Joell Morgan, Colin Runyen.

The I.A. Gang. Very interesting . . . What do those letters stand for?

They were definitely *building* suspense. Unfortunately for my case, they were building lots of other things, too.

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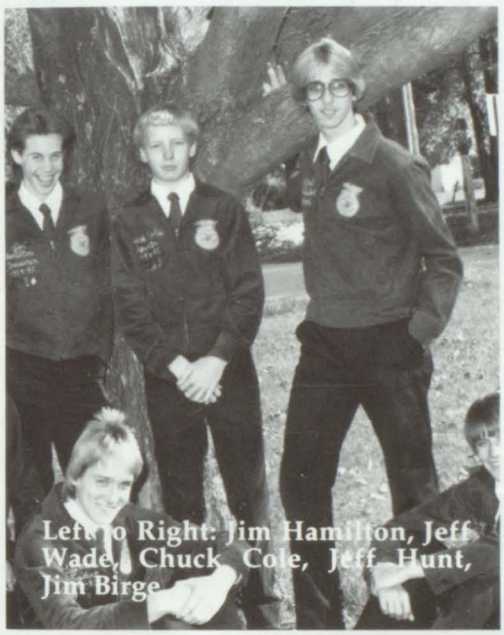
Front Row, Left to Right: Rob Marsh, David Foulke, David Dunn, Chad Braden, Rod Eversole. Second Row: Brian Powell, John Schuler, Jim Hamilton, Jeff Hunt, Jeff Wade, Chuck Cole, Wes Wilson, Mr. Kuykendall. Third Row: Scott Miller, David Wilbur, Tim Miller, Lee Runyen, Brent Johnson, P. J. Hambrech, Todd Phares.



Left to Right: Jim Hamilton, Jeff Wade, Chuck Cole, Jeff Hunt, Jim Birge

FFA Gang

The Tension Is Growing

FFA. By the time I started studying this group, the tension was *growing.*

What did these letters stand for? Future Felons of America? No, probably nothing like that. Future Farmers of America? YES! Aha! Oh. Scratch another group of suspects.

Top R[illegible] to Righ[illegible] [illegible]liams, Tricia Picke[illegible] Susan Johnson[illegible] Galloway[illegible] [illegible]ol Dunham, Lori Bricker, Julie Johns[illegible]n, Amy Westerman, Paula Picket[illegible] Second Row: [illegible]isti Ri[illegible]r, Wendy Shindler, Lisa Offer, Lisa Vincent, Andrea LeBeau, Cathy Torgerson, Sarah Barringer, Dee Hamilton, Jill Redman, Tammy Rotz, Kelli Gossman, Katrina Parker. Third Row: Annette Parkhurst, Amy Margenthaler, Steffi Hood, Dori Pierson, Toni Benoit, Tammy Pi[illegible]son, Lori Weikle, Tina Sears, Krista Major, Crystal Hazell, Melissa Wilson, Shannon Wh[illegible]ker. [illegible]h Row: Carla Stoots, Becky Harper, Carla Hampsmire, St[illegible] Hu[illegible]es, R[illegible]a G[illegible]le, N[illegible] Mat[illegible]ys, April Fogarty, Stephanie Picke[illegible] Laura Boys, Lisa Johnson, Lisa Cooley. Fifth Row: Tin[illegible] Farren, Angela Ryan, Renee Walace, Laura Tyman, Michelle Meirer, Lisa Thrall, Michelle Churc[illegible] Angie [illegible]all, Rhonda Runyen, Krista Bradshaw.

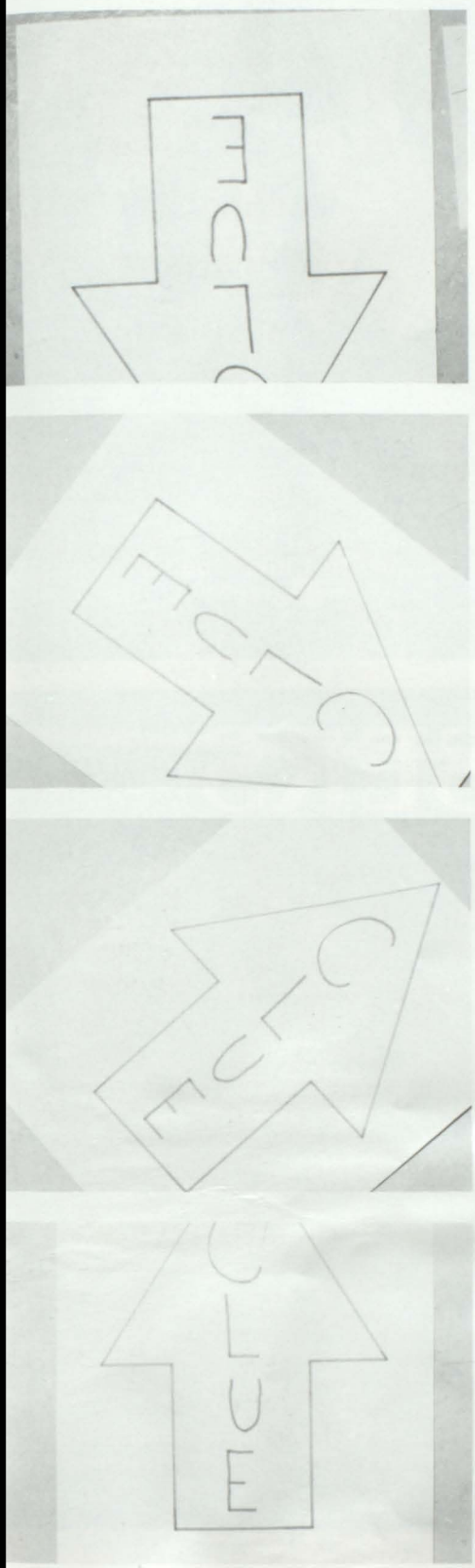
FHA Gang

[illegible]mi Garner, Jodi Galloway, [illegible]aula Picket[illegible] Blackie LaBlanche, Amy Westerman, Kristi Garner, Toni Benoit.

Leads Pinned Down!

The FHA club aroused my suspicions because the activities which this club undertook were simply too friendly, charitable, and nice. For instance, in the Spring there was FHA Week which included days like "Heart Give-Away Day," "Pixie Day," and "Friendship Day." Furthermore on Valentines Day they sold carnations to be sent to your sweetheart and at Homecoming they sold Mums for your mom. Without a doubt these activities would make a nice cover for criminal activities like lunch ticket scalping, or even stealing diplomas. But as I got to really know these people in this club I realized that they were just nice friendly people and could not do anything illegal.

Clues Turn Up Everywhere



Clues

What was I to do? Only two weeks of school left and I still hadn't caught the villain.

I *was* quite sure of who the culprit was, I just had to catch her before she went back to Germany.

The students were obviously ready to get out of school. I wasn't receiving much in the way of leads from them. All they talked about was getting out and what they were going to do the following summer. Didn't they realize one thing . . . the most important thing? If the diplomas weren't found, the seniors wouldn't be leaving the school!

This villain must have been a professional to have had me, the world's greatest detective, stumped.

Then, like a flash of lightning, a thought struck me.

During my previous investigations, I had just been looking for clues. What would happen if I actually started looking for the *diplomas?!?*

Why hadn't I thought of that earlier? I was trying to make this case harder than it actually was.

So, I started walking through the halls one day when I came upon something very suspicious.

I saw another ribbon from a diploma hanging out a locker. The locker I knew to be Blackie LaBlanche's. Eckhart was still trying to frame him! Why? Did she have some malice against his country?

I waited around until the bell rang and (cont. on page 108)

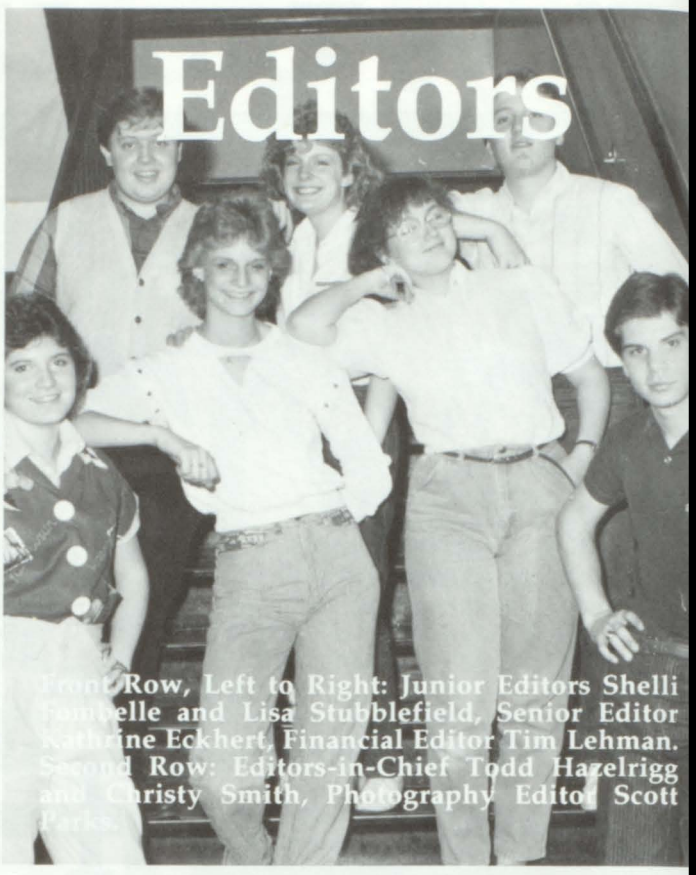
Best Yearbook Staff of '85!

This year, the yearbook staff was smaller than in the past. I had a close working relationship with the editors, so I know how they operated. It was total confusion. They were far too busy to have stolen the diplomas.

There was a first for the yearbook this year. It was the first time an actual story was used in the yearbook.

All in all, it was a successful year, and the editors hope everyone enjoys the yearbook.

Editors

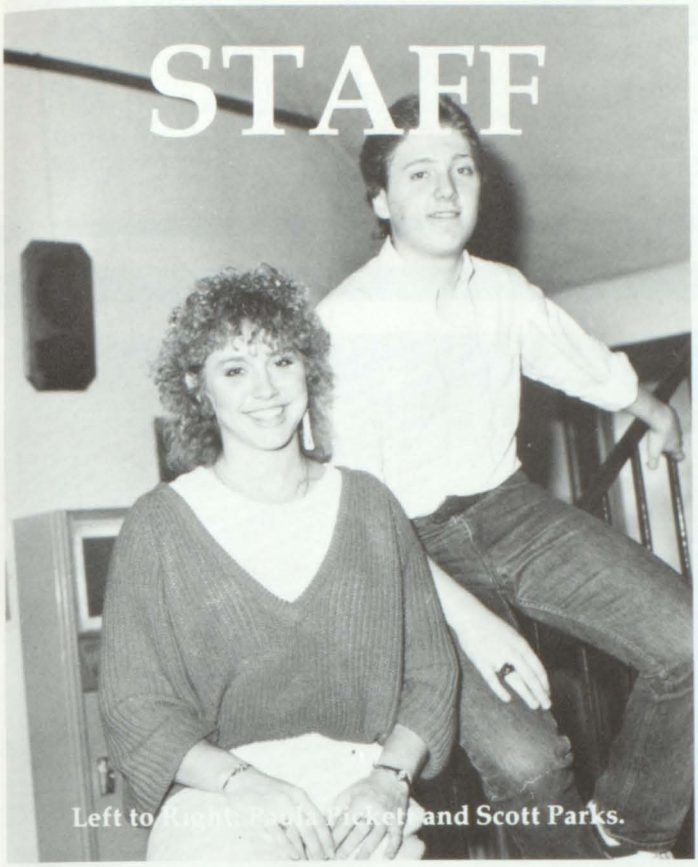


Front Row, Left to Right: Junior Editors Shelli Tombelle and Lisa Stubblefield, Senior Editor Kathrine Eckhert, Financial Editor Tim Lehman. Second Row: Editors-in-Chief Todd Hazelrigg and Christy Smith, Photography Editor Scott Parks.

ADVERTISERS

Left to Right: Brad Alexander, Todd Hazelrigg, Julie Johnson, Lori Bricker, Carol Dunham, Scott Parks, Tim Lehman, Christy Smith, Kathrine Eckhert, Paula Pickett, Steve Dixon, Amy Westerman, Mike Brummitt.

STAFF



Left to Right: Paula Pickett and Scott Parks.

Newspaper Ever So Good!!

I turned my suspicious eye to the school newspaper. I noticed in none of the issues of the newspaper that were published was there anything discussing the robbery of the diplomas. I suspected that there was probably a cover-up. I went straight to the editors Paula Pickett and Scott Parks and asked them if they had anything to say for themselves. They showed me the last edition of the school newspaper which had an article on me. It told about how intelligent I am and how awesome it is to be in my presence. I decided that anyone with such good taste in people couldn't be involved in anything illegal. So I crossed them off my list of suspects.

EDITORS

Front Row, Left to Right: Sheri Friend, Jennifer Newton, Robin Allen, Stacy Hughes, Carie Cochrine. Second Row, Left to Right: Skip Weikel, Chad Schleder, Carla Christensen, Kim Birge, Shannon Black. Third Row, Left to Right: Crystal Mobley, Stephanie Pickett, Tina Sears, Kathrine Eckhert, Susan Johnson, Mrs. Purvis. Fourth Row, Left to Right: Richard Neff, Toni Benoit, Cindy Sides, Jeremy Lehman, Jodi Galloway, Will Austin, Shelly Fombelle. Top Row, Left to Right: Jill Redman, Tammy Rotz, Kelly Gossman, Becky Swinger, Suzzette McClelland.

National Honor Society

National Honor Society is an organization that promotes high ideals for its members. Students selected for membership must be outstanding in character, leadership, service, and scholarship. This year's NHS is no exception to this statement.

Front Row, Left to Right: Tina Mahon, Shelli Fombelle, John Schuler, Mike Brummitt. Second Row: Paula Pickett, Kathine Eckhert, Lisa Stubblefield, Troy McFate. Top Row: Brad Alexander, Christy Smith, Brian Powell, Jeff Ohleymeyer, Tim Miller. Not Present: Tim Lehman and Todd Hazelrigg.

The art club, a very suspicious group of characters — on the surface they may look innocent but underneath, who knows! I was very interested in this group because they were always working on painting something. I suspected that what they were really doing was counterfeiting currency. I came to this conclusion because I found green paint in the art room. Unfortunately, I later found out that I was sadly mistaken.

Art Club

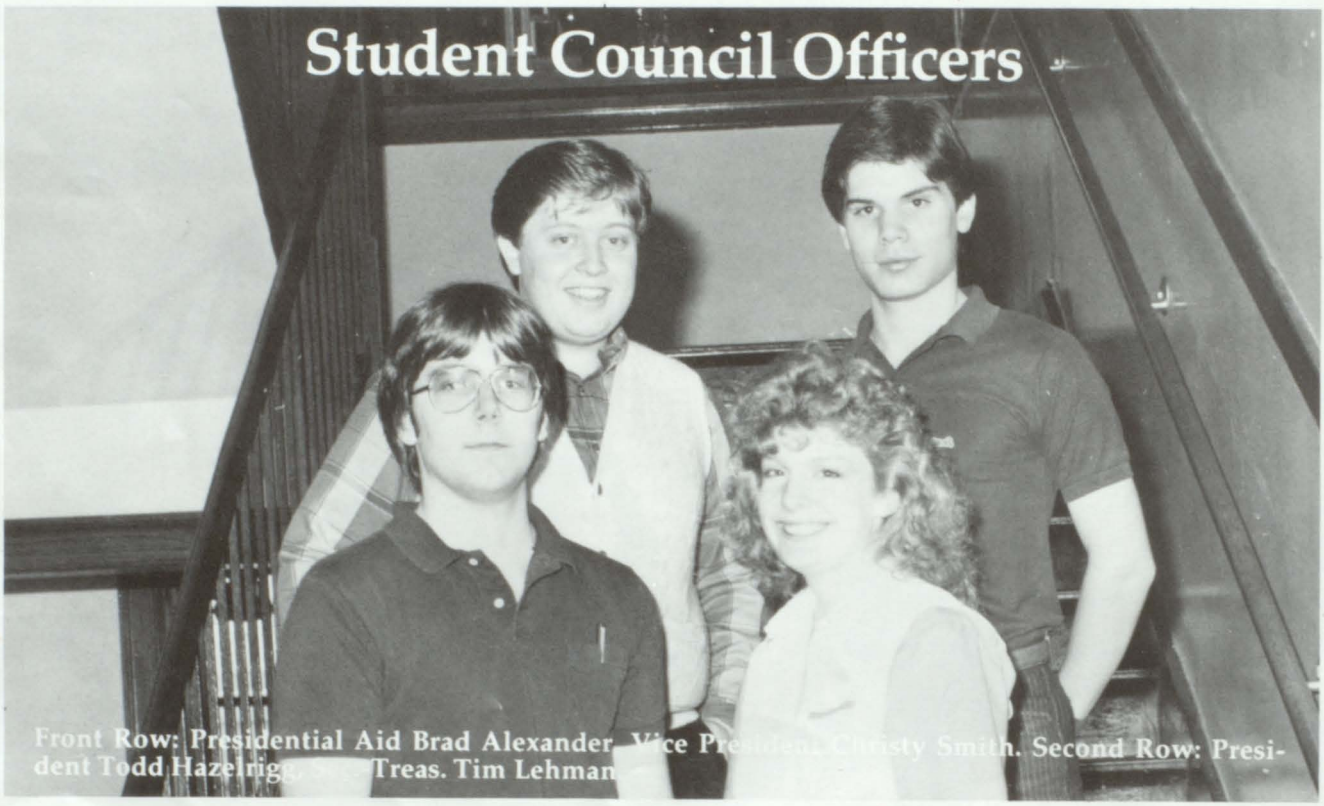
Officers — Paula Pickett, Tyrone Baietto, Cindy Sides.

Front Row, Left to Right: Tina Mahon, Cindy Sides, Kathrine Eckhert, Paula Pickett, Michelle Toth, Kim Day, Michelle Speasl, Kami Garner, Amy Westerman, Kristi Garner, Lisa Johnson, Lisa Offer. Second Row: David Wilbur, David Dunn, Brad Alexander, Mrs. Zimmerman, Susan Johnson, Jodi Galloway, Doug Logue, Jeff Cooley. Top Row: Brian Powell, Blackie LaBlanche, Brian Lechleiter, Julie Johnson, Lori Bricker, Jeff Query, Rob Marsh, Mike Brummitt, Amy Margenthaler, Steve Dixon, Rod Eversole, Jamie Mattingly, Tyrone Baietto, Jeff Maddox, Jeff Crabill, Nathan Wood.

Student Council

Front Row, Left to Right: Rita Gentle, Paula Pickett, Katherine Eckhert, Amy Westermann, Tim Lehman, Jerry Brummitt, Amy Reeser, Michelle Malone, Ann Atherton, Dee Hamilton. Second Row, Left to Right: Larry Bricker, Matt Lake, Brad Alexander, Mike Brummitt, Steve Dixon, Christy Smith, Todd Hazelrigg, Troy McFate, Lisa Stubblefield, Kristi Ritter, Billy McClure, Mr. Campbell.

Student Council Officers



Front Row: Presidential Aid Brad Alexander, Vice President Christy Smith. Second Row: President Todd Hazelrigg, Sec. Treas. Tim Lehman.

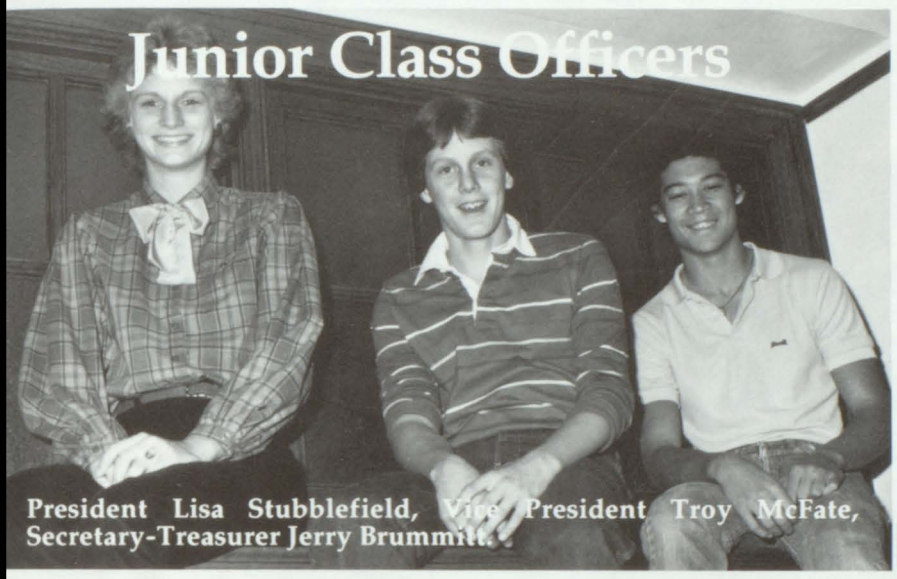
Freshman Class Officers

President Larry Bricker, Vice President Matt Lake, Sec.-Treas. Rita Gentle.

The Students Reign!

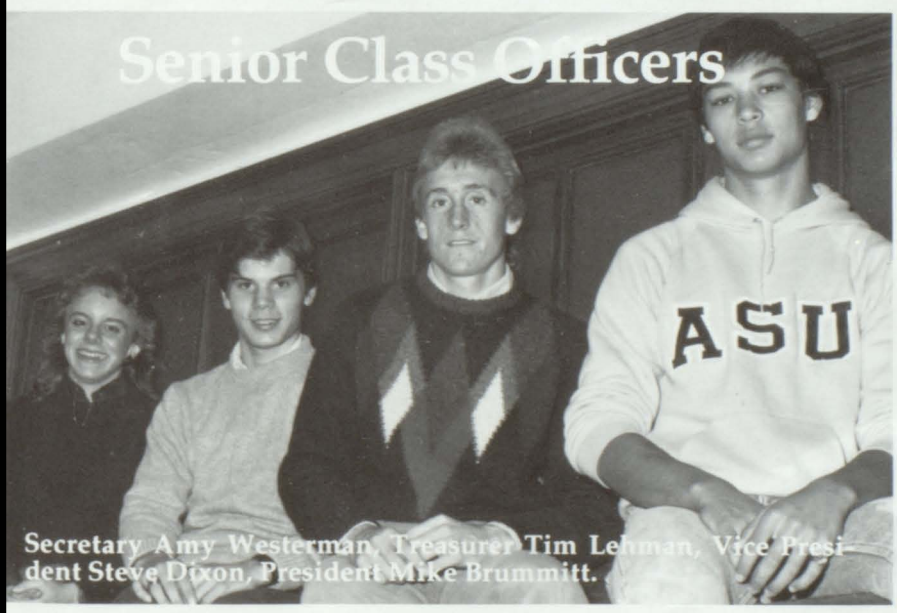
Sophomore Class Officers

Secretary Aimee Boeser, Treasurer Lynn Atherton, Vice President Michelle Malone, President Billy McClure.



Junior Class Officers

President Lisa Stubblefield, Vice President Troy McFate, Secretary-Treasurer Jerry Brummitt.



Senior Class Officers

Secretary Amy Westerman, Treasurer Tim Lehman, Vice President Steve Dixon, President Mike Brummitt.

Another group I was examining very thoroughly was the Student Council. Since I had seen its members running around with this cleaner – what was its name? Ah, Rex! – I knew that something had to be foul. Why should an average student run around in school(!) carrying "Rex" under his arm? There's only one suitable conclusion to that! They had to be trying to clean up their act!

But what was their act? Could it be them, who stole the diplomas to achieve attention and admiration of the rest of the student body?

To solve this question I decided to attend the next meeting and it was very interesting . . .

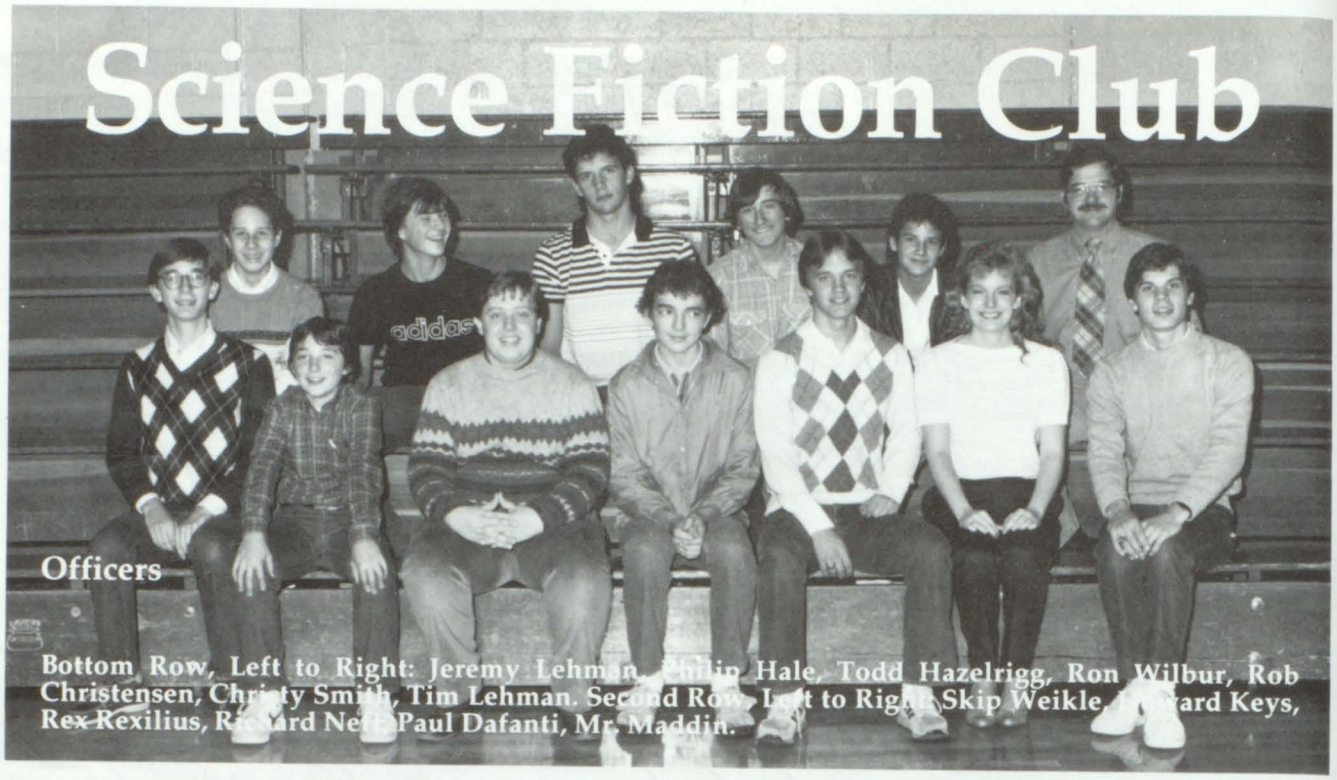
To my satisfaction, my suspicions were confirmed! First, there was a lot of talking about money needed for "Homecoming 1986" and then, right after that, the treasurer informed the Council about a certain money-making project. This money-making project had to be the clue to my problems.

Now I was sure that it was the Student Council who had stolen and sold the diplomas to be able to afford the next Homecoming. It really was a deplorable situation, I just say.

Hurrying, I left the room to do some more research.

Flashback to the treasurer: "Finally, everybody had delivered their Rex and this year's money-making project was a success."

Science Fiction Club

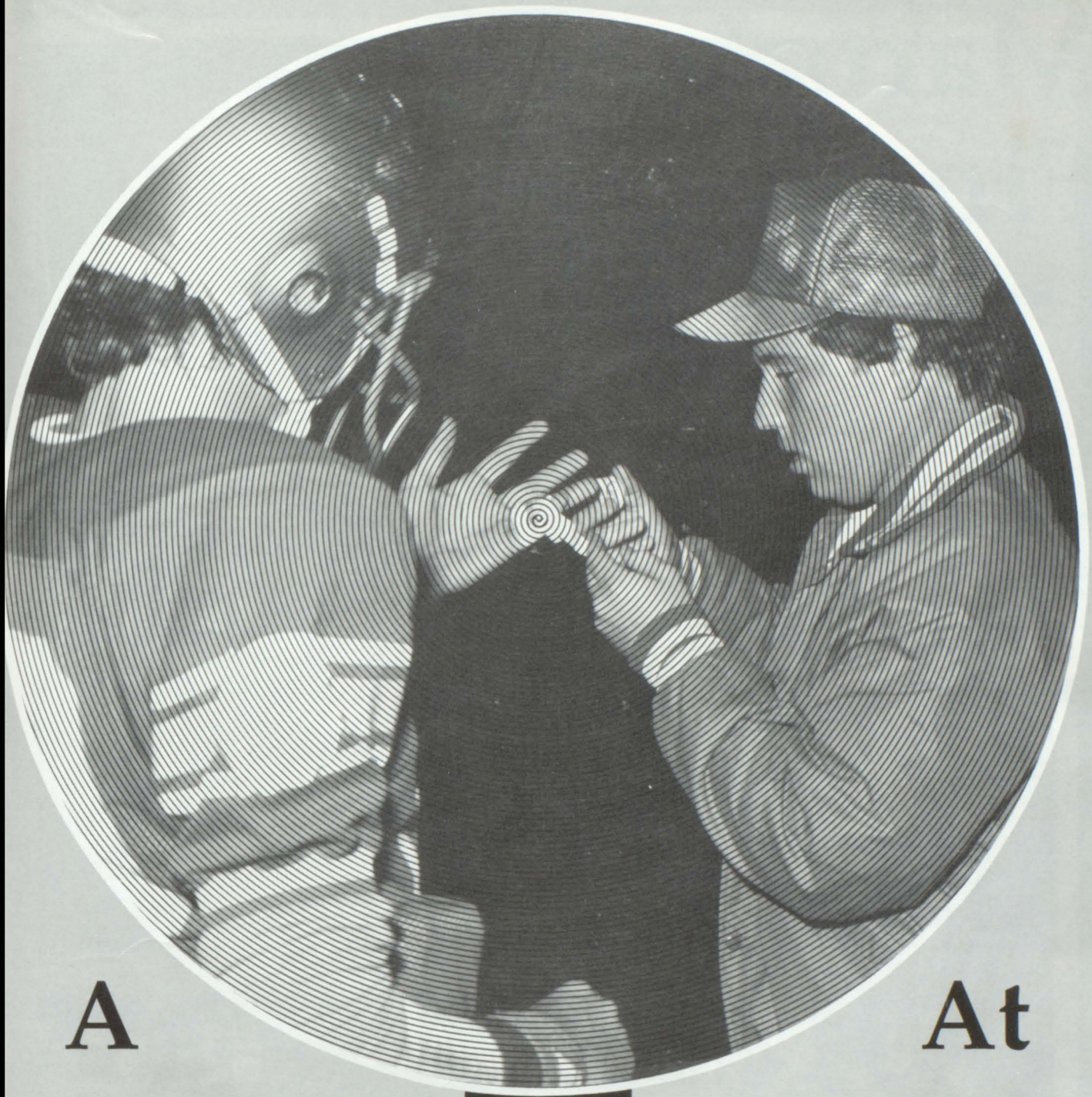


Officers

Bottom Row, Left to Right: Jeremy Lehman, Philip Hale, Todd Hazelrigg, Ron Wilbur, Rob Christensen, Christy Smith, Tim Lehman. Second Row, Left to Right: Skip Weikle, Edward Keys, Rex Rexilius, Richard Neff, Paul Dafanti, Mr. Maddin.

President Paula Pickett

Left to Right: Christy Smith, Paula Pickett, Dayton Keys, Todd Hazelrigg, Tim Lehman, Cochrine, Mr. Maddin.



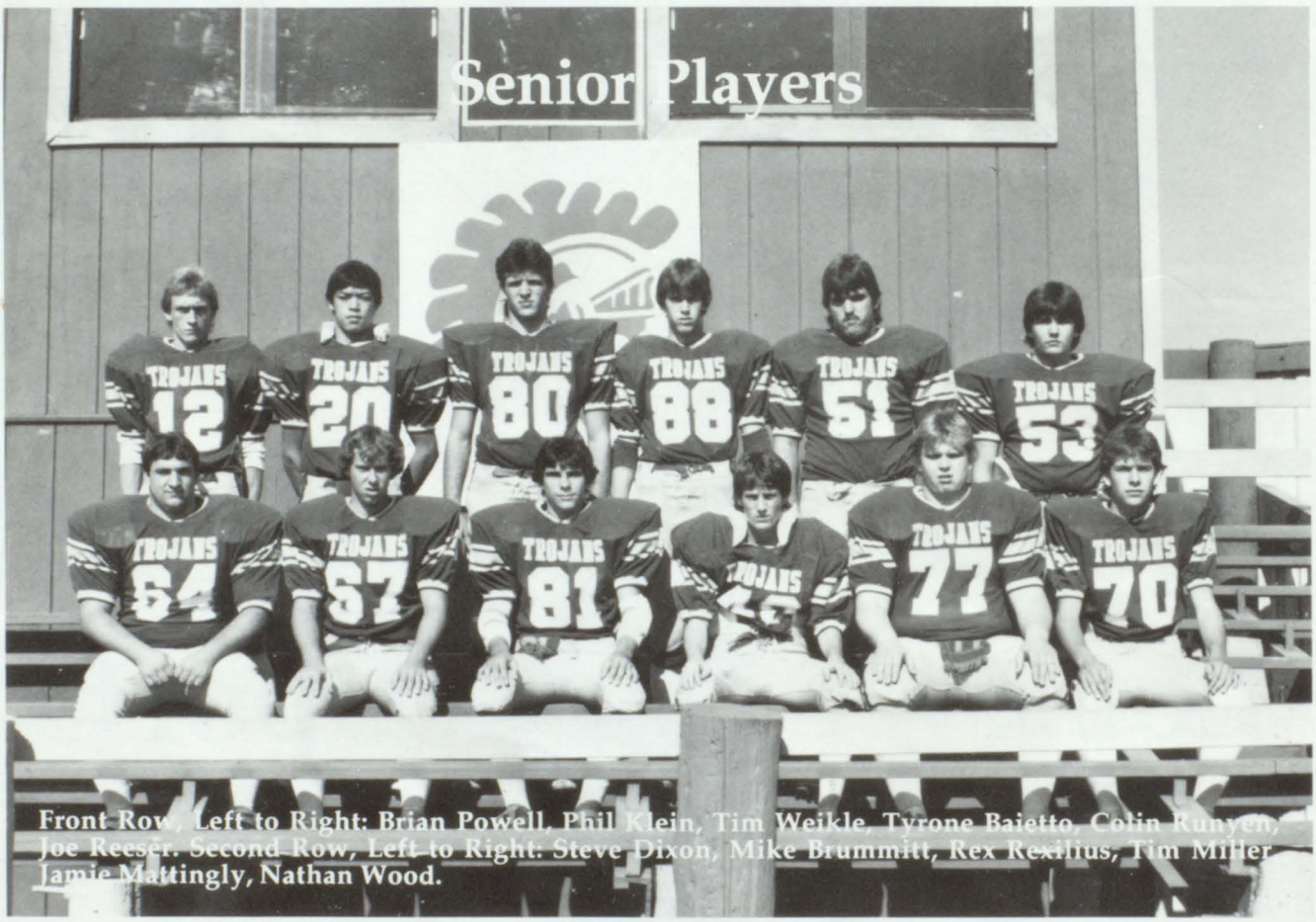
A Closer Look At Suspicious Sports

Maroa's Finest

UNDEFEATED MERIDIAN CONFERENCE CHAMPS

Coach

Coach Fred Thompson



Senior Players

Front Row, Left to Right: Brian Powell, Phil Klein, Tim Weikle, Tyrone Baietto, Colin Runyen, Joe Reeser. Second Row, Left to Right: Steve Dixon, Mike Brummitt, Rex Rexilius, Tim Miller, Jamie Mattingly, Nathan Wood.

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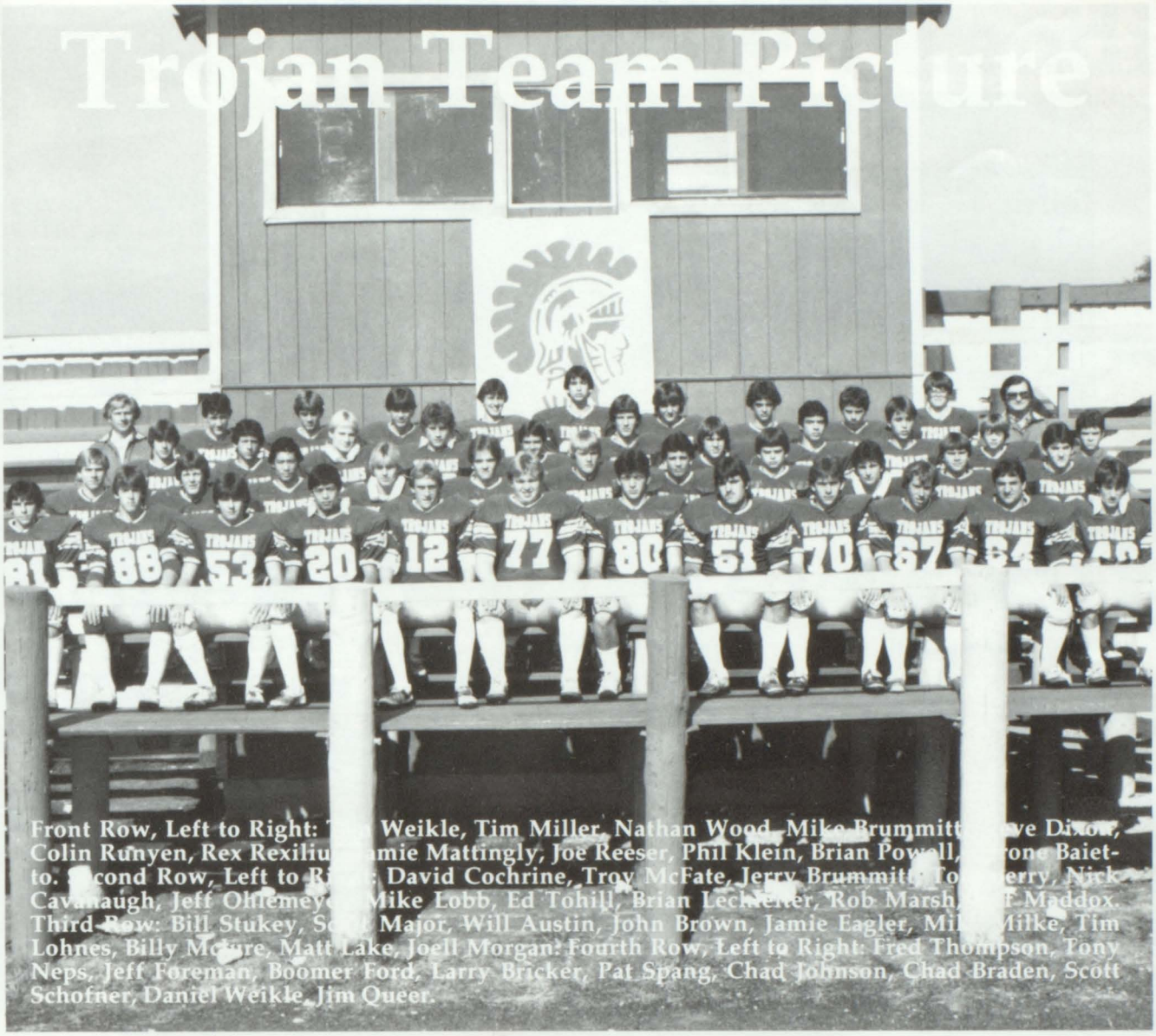
Trojan Team Picture



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Another Winning Season!!

Stats

Argenta	W
Heyworth	W
Macon	W
Assumption	W
Niantic	W
Bethany	W
Lovington	W
Mowequa	W
Illiopolis	W

Playoffs

Bismarck	W
¼ Finals	
Dupo	W
Semi-Finals	
Paxton	L

CLASS 2-A STATE
SEMI-FINALIST

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Junior Varsity

Front Row, Left to Right: Scott Schofner, Jeff Maddox, Billy McClure, David Cochrine, M... Milke, Ti... ...hnes, Jamie Eagler, Pat Spang, Jeff Eagler. Top Row, Left to Right: Tony Neps, Ch... Johnson, ... Foreman, Boomer Ford, Larry Bricker, Chad Braden, Matt Lake, Daniel Weib...

Future Varsity Looks Good!

Stats

With the senior players graduating this year, the Trojan Football Team may not be expected to do as well as in the past. However, there are many fine players coming up and the team should be as strong as ever! Good luck Trojans!

Argenta	L
Bement	W
Macon	W
Assumption	W
Niantic	W
Bethany	W
Lovington	W
Mowequa	L

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A Candid Look!

Freshmen Win-Loss Record

Bethany	W
Clinton	L
Mowequa	W
Argenta	W

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Girls Volleyball

Cerro Gordo	L	Warrensburg	L
St. Teresa	W	Tower Hill	L
Clinton	L	Mt. Auburn	L
Findlay	L	Mowequa	L
Argenta-Oreana	L	Blue Mound	L
Lovington	L	Macon	L
Cerro Gordo	L	Niantic	L
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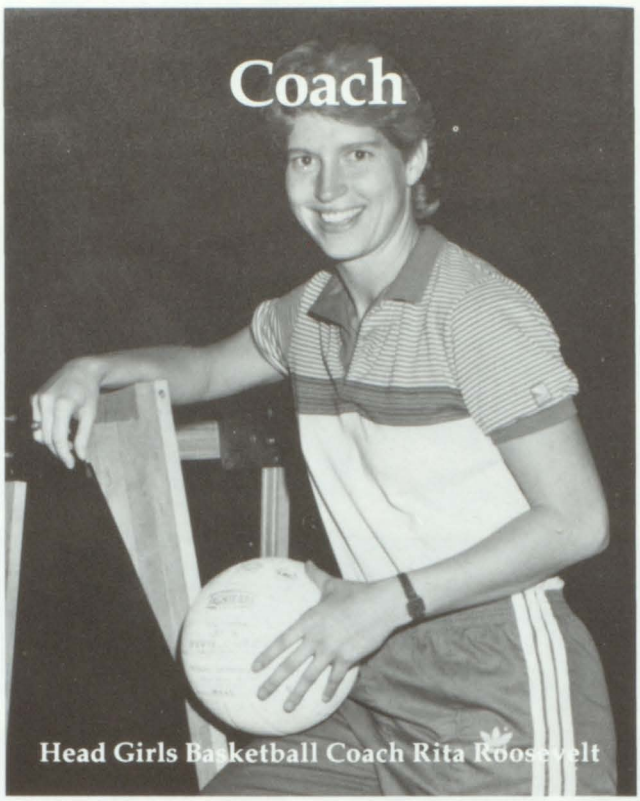
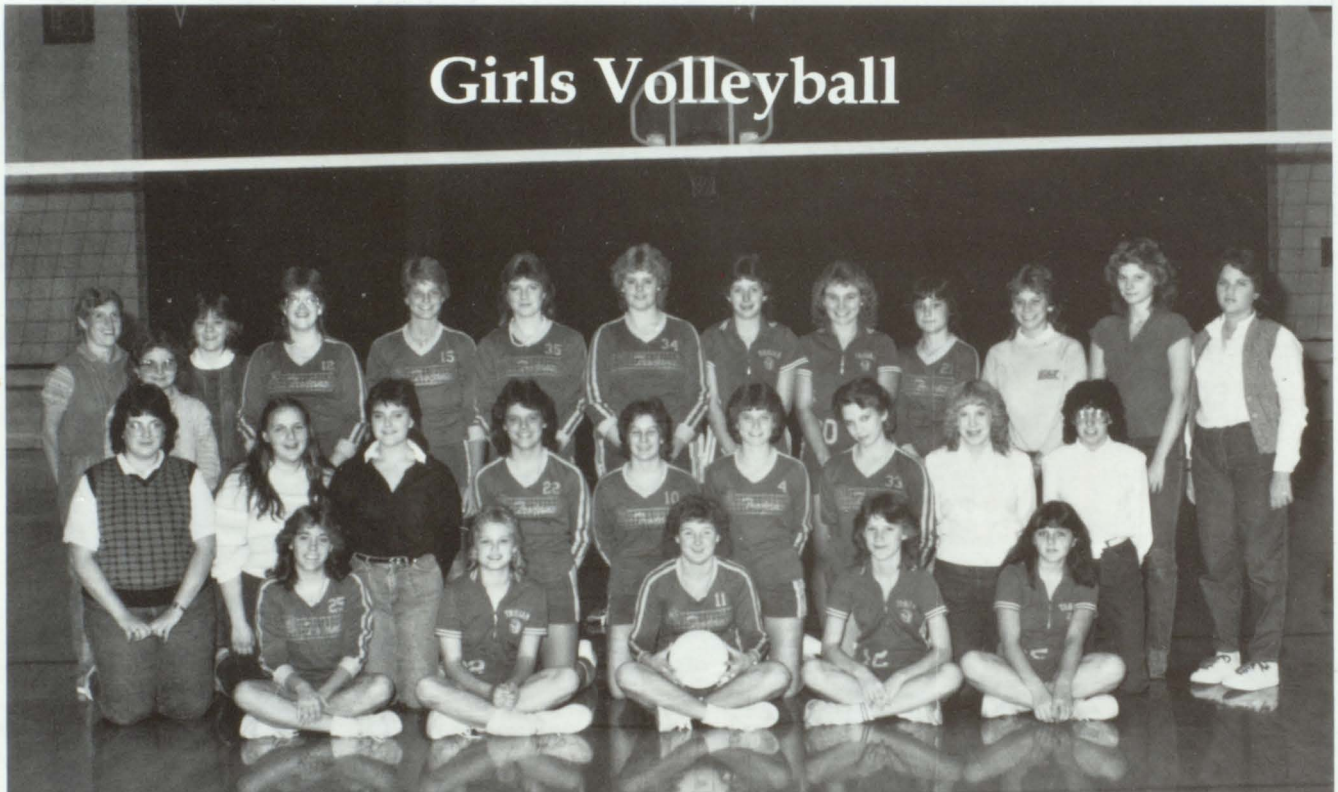
Illiopolis	W	Blue Mound	L
Assumption	L	Regionals	
		Argenta-Oreana	L



Head Girls Basketball Coach Rita Roosevelt

Girls Volleyball



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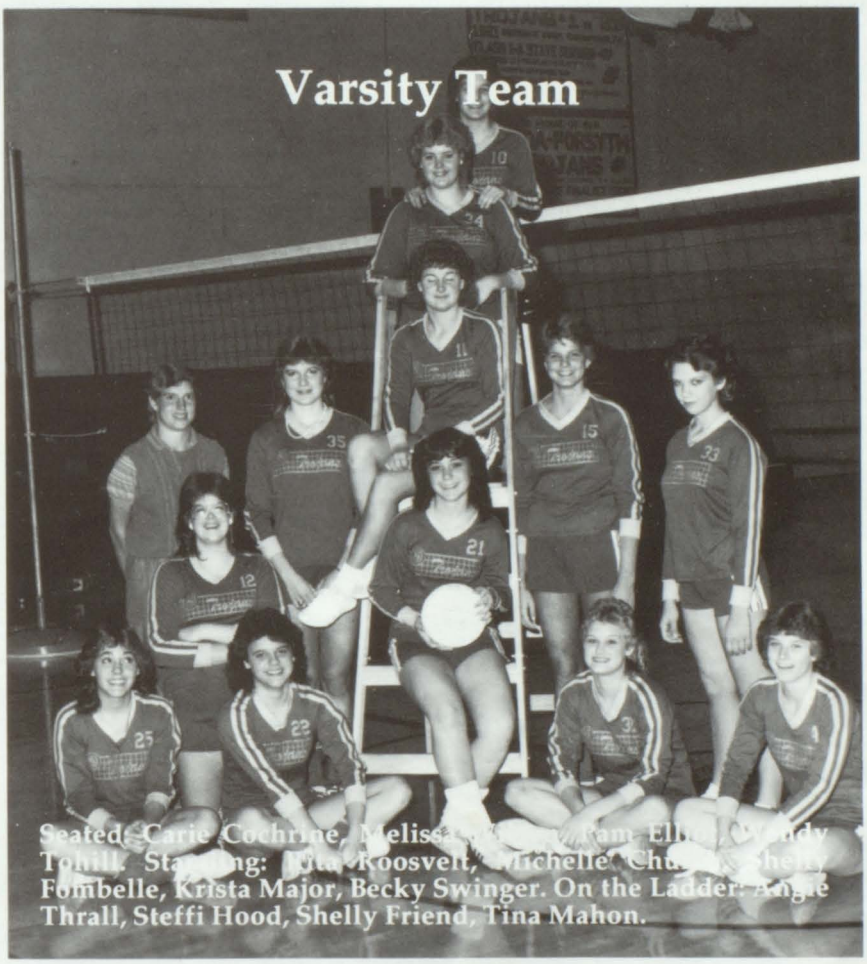
JV Team

Sitting: Becky Swinger, [illegible] Christ[illegible], Kelly Townsend, Laura Boys. Standing: Aimee [illegible], Michelle [illegible], Rita Roosevelt. On the Ladder: Lisa Thrall, Krista Major, Wendy Tohill, Pam Elliot.



Varsity Team

Seated: Carie Cochrine, Melissa [illegible], Pam Elliot, Cindy Tohill. Standing: Rita Roosvelt, Michelle [illegible], Shelly Fombelle, Krista Major, Becky Swinger. On the Ladder: Angie Thrall, Steffi Hood, Shelly Friend, Tina Mahon.

Hidden Clues?

Clinton	L
Findlay	L
Argenta-Oreana	L
Lovington	L
Cerro Gordo	W
Stonington	L
Illiopolis	W
Assumption	L
Warrensburg	L
Tower Hill	L
Mt. Auburn	L
Mowequa	L
Blue Mound	L
Macon	L
Niantic	L

Boys Varsity Basketball

Front Row, Left to R[illegible]: Steve Lucas, K[illegible] Dash, Tro[illegible] McFate, Jeff [illegible]erry, Mark Williams, John Parker. Second Row, Left to Right: Mr. [illegible]al[illegible], Wes [illegible], Mik[illegible] B[illegible]mitt, Mik[illegible] Meilke, Chis Walls, Steve Dixon, Mr. Jame[illegible]

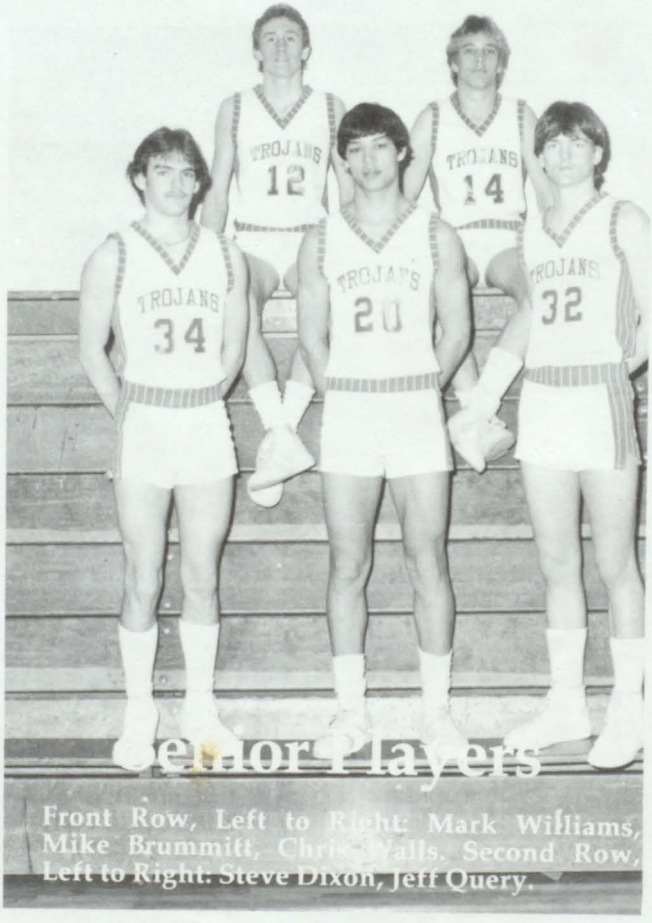
Trojans Bounce Back!

Meridian Conf. Champs

Heyworth	W	Assumption	W
Mt. Pulaski	L	Illiopolis	W
Mt. Auburn	W	Blue Mound	W
Macon	W	Hartsburg	W
Niantic	L	Findlay	W
Macon Co. Tourn.		Meridian Tourn.	
St. Teresa	W	Macon	W
Cerro Gordo	W	Stonington	L
Warrensburg	L	Niantic	W
Deland	W	Tower Hill	W

Stats

Stonington	W	Regional Tourn.	
Warrensburg	L	Cerro Gordo	W
Lovington	W	Monticello	L
Argenta	L		
Mowequa	W	Final Record	19-7
Bethany	W	Conf.	10-1



Senior Players

Front Row, Left to Right: Mark Williams, Mike Brummitt, Chris Walls. Second Row, Left to Right: Steve Dixon, Jeff Query.

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1985 TROJAN BASKETBALL TEAM

Front Row, Left to Right: Jeff Eagler, Joe Anderson, Pat Spang, Richie Peterson, Scott Hasings, Larry Bricker, Tim Walls, Tim Lohnes, Boomer Ford, Billy McClure, Jeremy Helton. Second Row, Left to Right: Steve Lucas, Jeff Query, Troy McFate, Wes Wilson, Mike Brummitt, Chris Walls, Mike Mielke, Steve Dixon, John Parker, Daniel Weikle, Joell Morgan.

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Junior Varsity Basketball

Front Row, Left to Right: Joel Morgan, Jeff Zahler, Joe Anderson, Pat Spang, Jeremy Melton, Daniel Weikle. Second Row, Left to Right: Mr. Dale, Scott Hastings, Boomer Ford, Larry Bricker, Tim Walls, Tim Lohnes, Richie Peterson, Billy McClure.

Freshman Basketball

Front Row, Left to Right: Joel Morgan, Kenneth Benoit, Joe Anderson, Pat Spang, Daniel Weikle. Second Row, Left to Right: Mr. Dale, Chad Braden, Chris Orr, Larry Bricker, Chad Johnson, Tim Walls, Boomer Ford, Richie Peterson.

JV Stats

Junior-Varsity
Win-Loss Record
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Freshman Stats

Freshman Win-Loss Record
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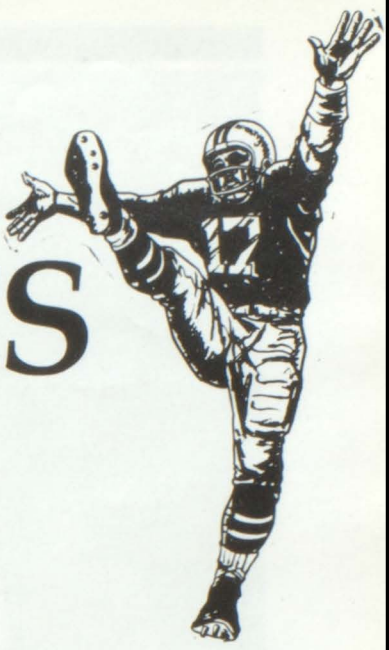

TROJAN ATHLETICS THE STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE!

1985 MERIDIAN FOOTBALL CHAMPS
1985 MERIDIAN BASKETBALL CHAMPS
1985 MERIDIAN BASEBALL CHAMPS

Girls Basketball

Front Row, Left to Right: Ms. Rita Roosevelt, Carla Christensen, Trina Tyman, Lori Christ, Kim Day, Michelle Toth, Carie Cochrine, Lisa Vincent. Second Row, Left to Right: Wendy Tohill, Deia Demark, Amy Hays, Krista Major, Tina Sears, Steffi Hood, Tina Mahon, April Fogarty.

Girls Varsity Basketball

Front Row, Left to Right: Lori Christ, Kim Day, Michelle Toth, Carie Cochrine. Second Row, Left to Right: Deia Demark, Amy Hays, Krista Major, Steffi Hood, Tina Mahon.

Varsity Stats

Illiopolis	W	Sullivan	L	Mt. Pulaski	L	Macon	L
Cerro Gordo	L	Illiopolis	L	St. Teresa	L	Heyworth	L
Macon	W	Cerro Gordo	L	Bethany	L	Illiopolis	L
Niantic	W	Macon	W	Niantic	L	Wapella	W
Mt. Pulaski	L	Niantic	L	Clinton	L	Warrensburg	L
St. Teresa	L						
Bethany	L						

Deland-Weldon	L	Niantic	W
		Clinton	L
		Macon	W
		Illiopolis	W
		Warrensburg	L

Captains

Left to Right: Tina Mahon, Kim Day

JV Team

Front Row, Left to Right: Laura Tyman, Lori Christ, Lisa Vincent. Second Row, Left to Right: Wendy Tohill, Amy Hays, April Fogarty, Krista Major, Tina Sears.

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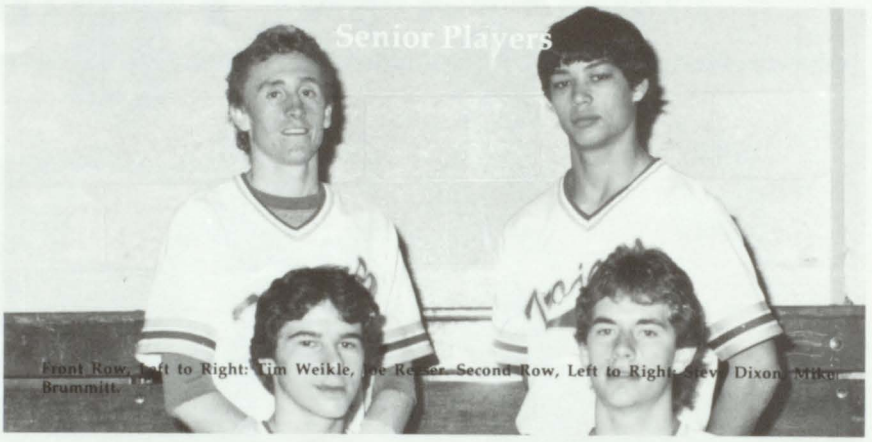
1985 Trojan Baseball Team

Front Row, Left to Right: Scott Majors, Jerry Brummitt, Steve Dixon, Tim Weikle, Mike Brummitt, Joe R[illegible]y, John Parker. Second Row, Left to Right: Pat Spang, Boomer Ford, David Cochrine, Doug Lercher, Billy McClure, Brian Lechleiter, Larry Bricker. Third Row, Left to Right: Mr. Thompson, Joe Anderson, Daniel Weikle, Tom Lowe, Richie Peterson, Cory Garner, Jeff Schmahl, Jeff Patterson, Joel [illegible]gan.

Front Row, Left to Right: Tim Weikle, Mike Brummitt, Joe Reeser. Second Row, Left to Right: Jerry Brummitt, Steve Dixon, John Parker, Doug Lercher. Third Row, Left to Right: David Cochrine, Billy McClure, Scott Major, Brian Lechleiter.

Stats

(As of May 16th)	
Monticello	L
Bement	W
Illiopolis	W
Springfield Griffin	W
Mt. Pulaski	W
Clinton	W
Lincoln	W
Buffalo Tri-City	W
Stonington	W
Bethany	W
Warrensburg	W
Assumption	W
Argenta	W
Findlay	W
Niantic	W
Arthur	W



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Boys Track Team

Front Row, Left to Right: Rob Christensen, Jeff Foreman, Dayton Keys, Ed Tohill, Tim Miller, Bill Dunn, Mike Lobb, Chad Schleder, Mr. Queer. Second Row, Left to Right: Phil Klein, Brian Powell, John Schuler, Will Austin, Jeff Ohlemeyer, Chad Braden, Steve Crabill, Erik Flogger, Bill Stucky.

Senior Members

Left to Right: Brian Powell, Jeff Query, Tim Miller, Rob Christensen, Phil Klein.

Girls Track Team

Front Row, Left to Right: Rita Roosevelt, Tina Mahon, Deia DeMark, Sarah Barringer, Stephanie Pickett, Lori Williams, Steffi Hood. Second Row: Left to Right: Kristy Garner, Tricia Pickett, Susan Johnson, Shelly Marsh, Carol Dunham, April Fogarty.

Senior Members

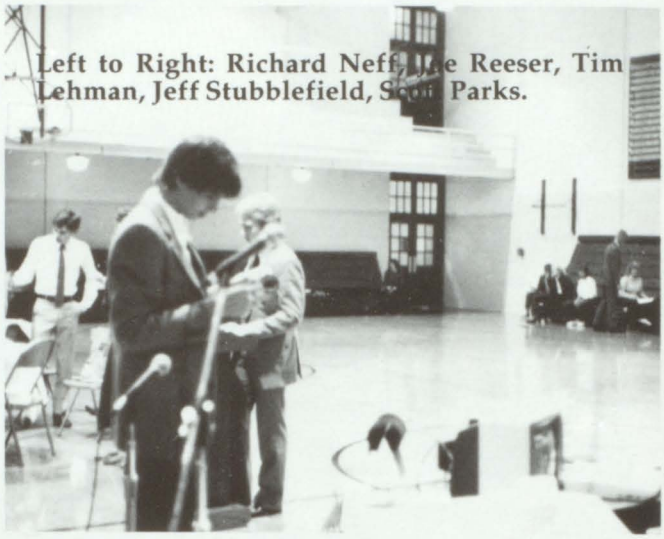
Left to Right: Paula Pickett, Carol Dunham.

A Closer Look At Suspicious Actions

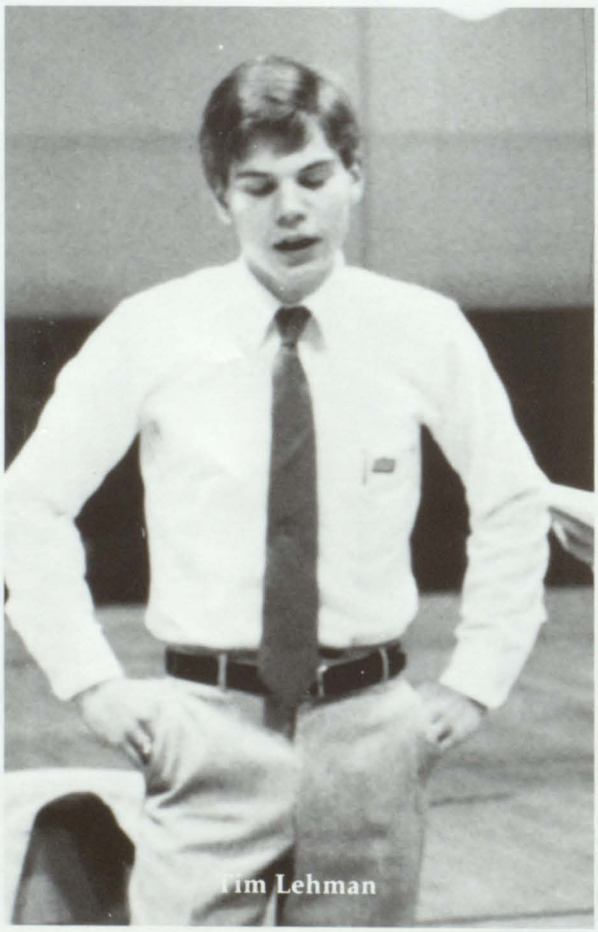
Debate! Students Speak Out!

What does November 6, 1984 remind you of? The 1984 Presidential Election of course. Well, to the students of the third hour speech class this date will always hold a special meaning. On this date the speech class divided into two sides and debated over which Presidential candidate was the best! On one side, representing the Republicans and President Ronald Reagan was Todd Hazelrigg, Vivian Tribbitt, Carol Dunham, Jeff Stubblefield, Colin Runyen, and Julie Johnson.

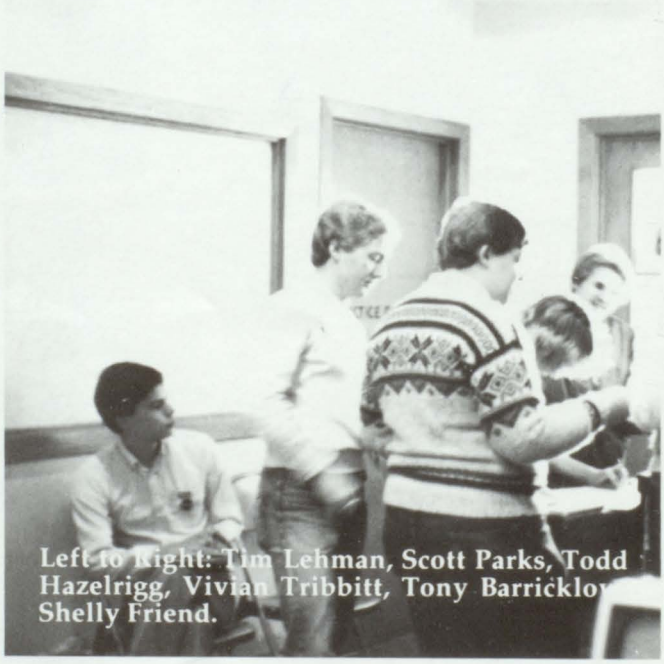
Left to Right: Richard Neff, Tony Barricklow, Tim Lehman, Katherine Eckhert, Rex [illegible]lius, Joe Reeser.



Left to Right: Richard Neff, Joe Reeser, Tim Lehman, Jeff Stubblefield, Scott Parks.



Tim Lehman



Left to Right: Tim Lehman, Scott Parks, Todd Hazelrigg, Vivian Tribbitt, Tony Barricklow, Shelly Friend.

Republicans

Left to Right: Colin Ruoyen, Vivia
Carol Dunham, Julie Johnson

Scott Parks

Blackie LaBlanche

Political Battle Brews!!

On the other side, representing the Democrats and Presidential Candidate Walter Mondale were Tim Lehman, Joe Reeser, Kathrine Eckhert, Richard Neff and Tony Barricklow. Attempting to mediate this debate was Scott Parks. Following the Debate the students were allowed to vote for the best man. The winner in the school and in the country was President Ronald Reagan.

Todd Hazelrig

Love Rides the Rails

One night, I attended rehearsal for the school play. I thought I could pick up some important clues.

All of the people there seemed to be putting on acts and not being themselves. This was indeed very suspicious behavior. There were a few shady characters that I was particularly interested in. Their names were Simon Darkway (Todd Hazelrigg) and Dirk Sneath (Richard Neff). They seemed to be up to something very crooked. Perhaps the stealing of diplomas? Who knows? I only knew that none of them could be trusted.

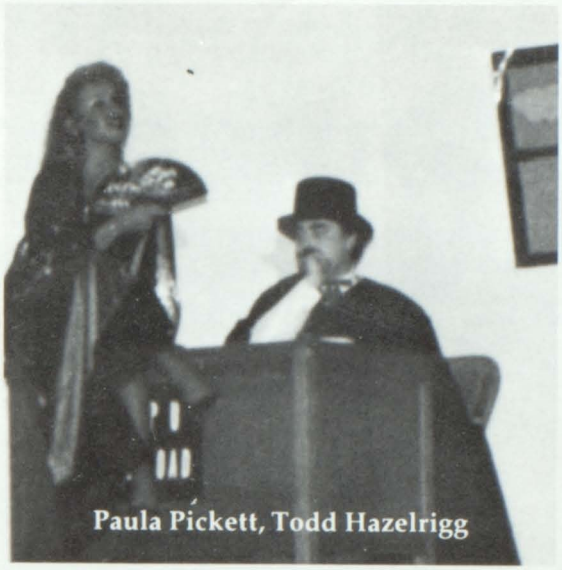
It was opening night of the play. Here was my chance. I would either catch the villain(s), Simon and/or Dirk, or not. I didn't. It turned out they were villains, but they hadn't stolen the diplomas.

Richard Neff and C[illegible]m

Scott Parks and Paula Pickett

[illegible] Dixon

Richard Neff, Steve Dixon



Paula Pickett, Todd Hazelrigg

Paula [illegible]ett, Christ[illegible]mith

Todd [illegible], Katherine Eckert, Julie [illegible]

Jim Lehman, Julie Johnson, Scott Parks, Steve Dixon

Remember When Homecoming 1985

Past Kings and Queens Homecoming Court

Past Kings and Queens Return for a Special Homecoming!

"Remember When ..." was the motto of the 1984 Homecoming dance, and its theme followed throughout the entire evening. The student council had come up with a great idea that would make this a very special Homecoming. They invited all of the past Homecoming Kings and Queens back for a very special ceremony that took place just before the normal coronation of the year's Homecoming King and Queen. The idea was a great success!! Over forty past Kings and Queens graced the Student Council with their presence. The ceremony for the past Kings and Queens was very special. It started off with a fanfare of trumpets and two people rolling in a red carpet for the Kings and Queens to walk on. Then continued with a fanfare for each King and Queen as they were announced. For the Queens, when they reached the end of the red carpet they were greeted by a gentleman who bowed to them and offered them a rose on a satin pillow. After all the past Kings and Queens were in their places, this year's Homecoming court filed in. After the traditional ceremony, there was a royal dance for this year's Homecoming court and all of the past Kings and Queens. Toward the end of the royal dance balloons were released from the ceiling. All in all, both the past Kings and Queens and this year's Homecoming court had a wonderful and memorable time.

Kathrine Eckhert and Lisa Stubblefield

Past Kings [illegible] get refreshments.

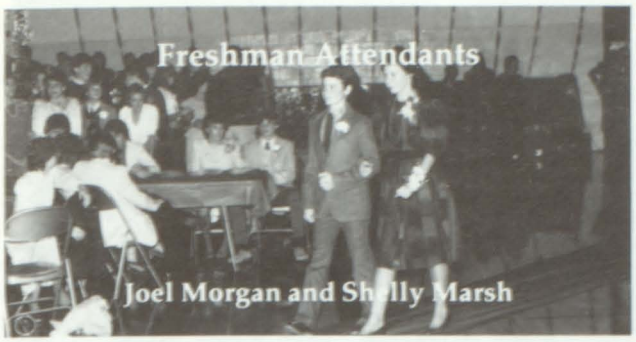
Past Kings and Queens march in!

Royal Dance

Brad Alexander offers a Queen a rose.

Benny Meyers and Wanda Meyers

1985 Homecoming King and Queen
Mike Brummitt and Carol Dunham



Freshman Attendants

Joel Morgan and Shelly Marsh

Sophomore Attendants

John Brown and Ann Atherton

Junior Attendants

John Schuler and Amy Margenthaler

Senior Attendants

Nathan Wood and Julie Johnson

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Nathan Wood and Julie Johnson

Senior Attendants

Tim Wenkle and Paula Pickett

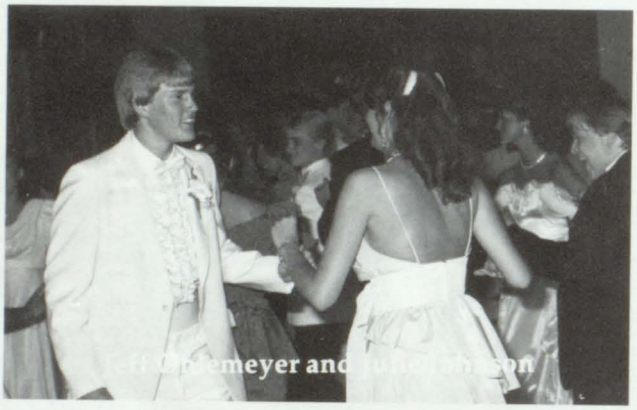
Prom 1984

The Junior-Senior Prom was held Friday evening, May 10th, 1985. It was held at the Richards Treat Center at Millikin University. Dinner was at 7:00 P.M. and the dance lasted until 11:00 P.M.

On the dinner menu was Chicken Kiev, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Salad, Dinner Rolls, and Cake. It was catered by Millikin.

The band, Magic, played and a good time was had by all.

Juniors, Seniors and Guests all enjoying a

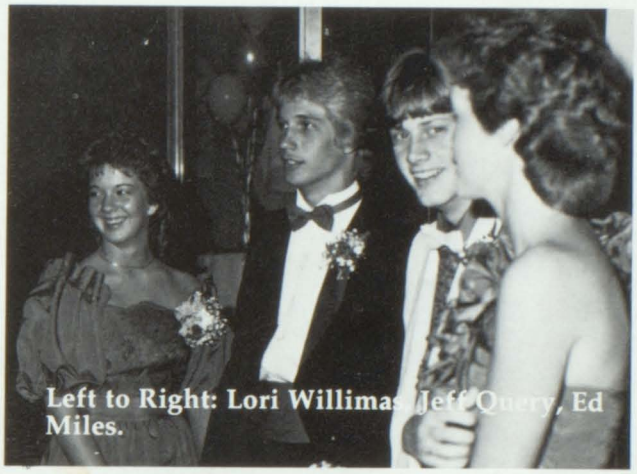


Prom Queen Jo Reeser

Left to Right: Mrs. Daggett, Mary Zimmerman, Lori Williams, and Karen Garner.

[illegible] Nicki Earl[illegible] Van Meller, Lisa [illegible]

Standing: Tom Berry and Amy Reeser.
Seated: Kristi Ritter.



Left to Right: Lori Willimas, Jeff Query, Ed Miles.

[illegible] Julie Johnson, Carol Dunham, Paul[illegible] Pic[illegible], [illegible] McCoy, Joe [illegible] Markle, Phil [illegible].

SENIOR CLA

Front Row, Left to Right: Phil Klein, Amy Westerman, Paula Pickett, Tim Miller, Kathrine Eckhert, Carol Dunham, Mr. Queer. Second Row, Left to Right: Tony Benoit, Mrs. Queer, Betty Coen, Dagney Ness, Karen Williams, Julie Johnson, Joe Reeser. Third Row, Left to Right: Tony Barricklow, Tim

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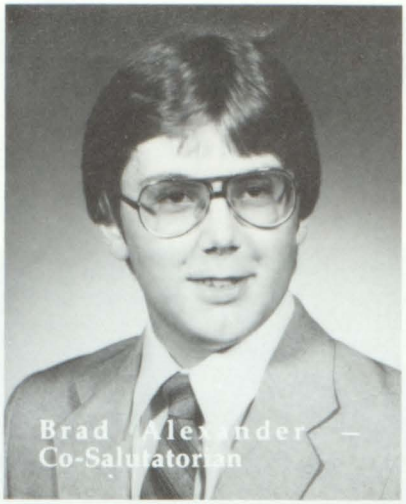
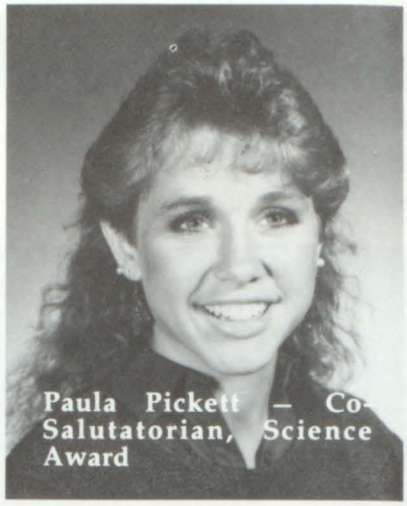
Weikle, Mike Brummitt, Colin Runyen, Steve Dixon, Dennis Cambell, Steve Lucas, Nathan Wood, Brian Powell.

SENIOR HONORS

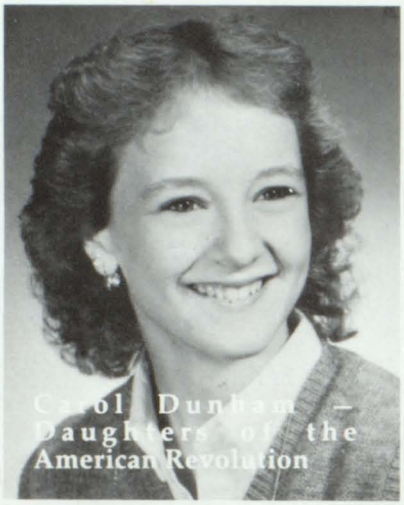
Christy Smith — Valedictorian



Brad Alexander — Co-Salutatorian

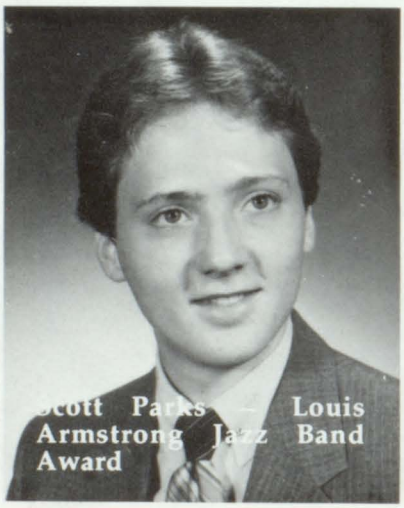


Paula Pickett — Co-Salutatorian, Science Award



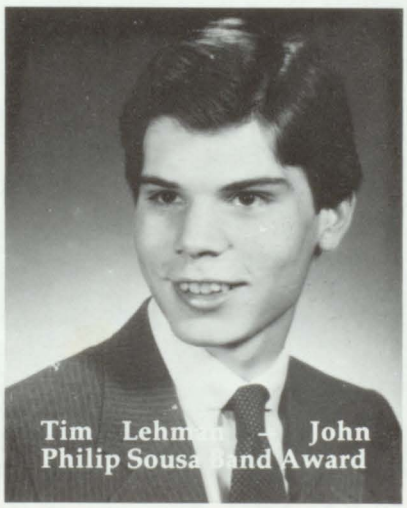
Carol Dunham — Daughters of the American Revolution

Todd Hazelrigg — Sons of the American Revolution



Scott Parks — Louis Armstrong Jazz Band Award

Julie Johnson — Arion Band Award



Tim Lehman — John Philip Sousa Band Award

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A Candid Look at Students

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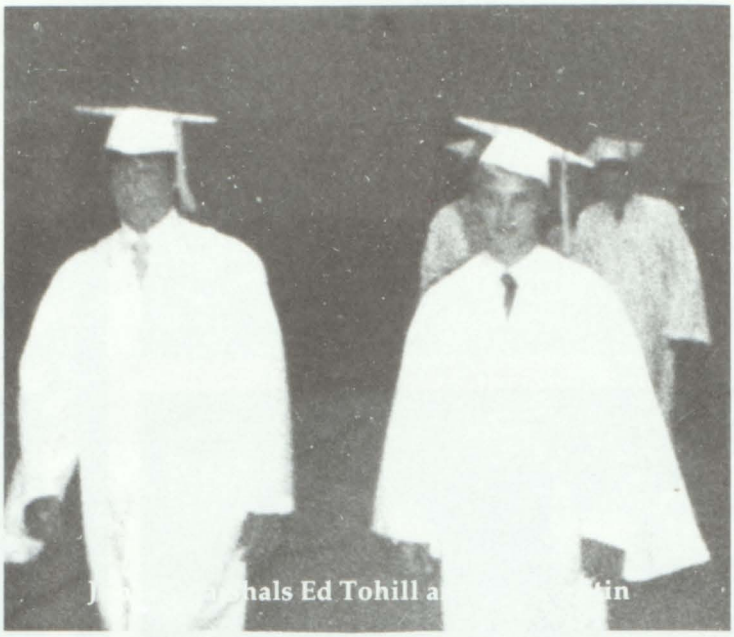
Graduation

As always, this year's graduation ceremony was a time of great happiness, sorrow and apprehension. The happiness was derived from the fact that we had actually made it out of High School. The sorrow was caused by the fact that we all realized that we might not ever see each other again and the apprehension was caused by the unknown that we the seniors were all heading into.



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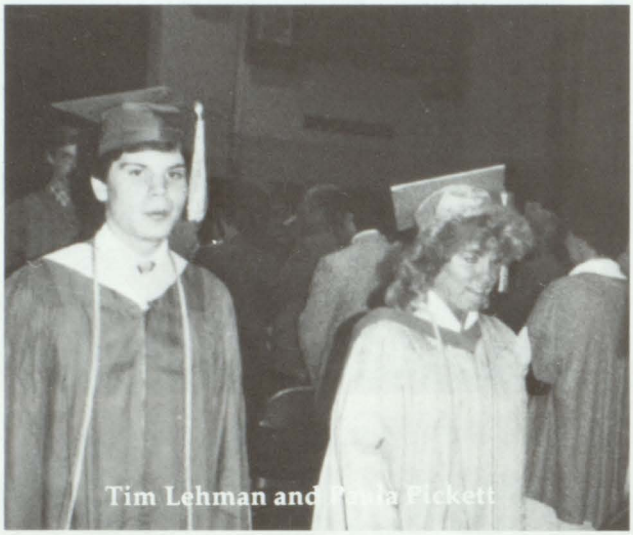

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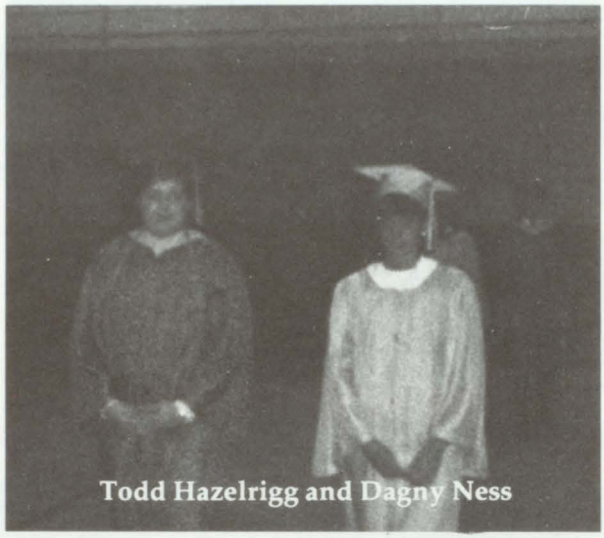
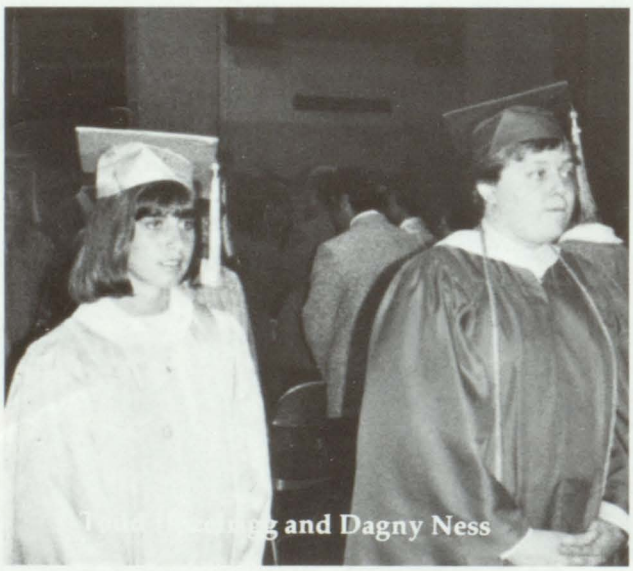


Todd Hazelrigg and Dagny Ness



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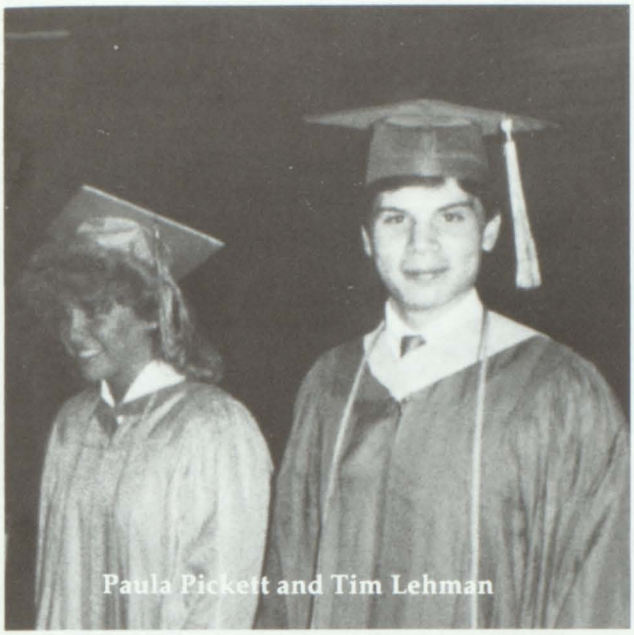
Paula Pickett, Todd Hazelrigg and Tim Lehman

Thinking Back



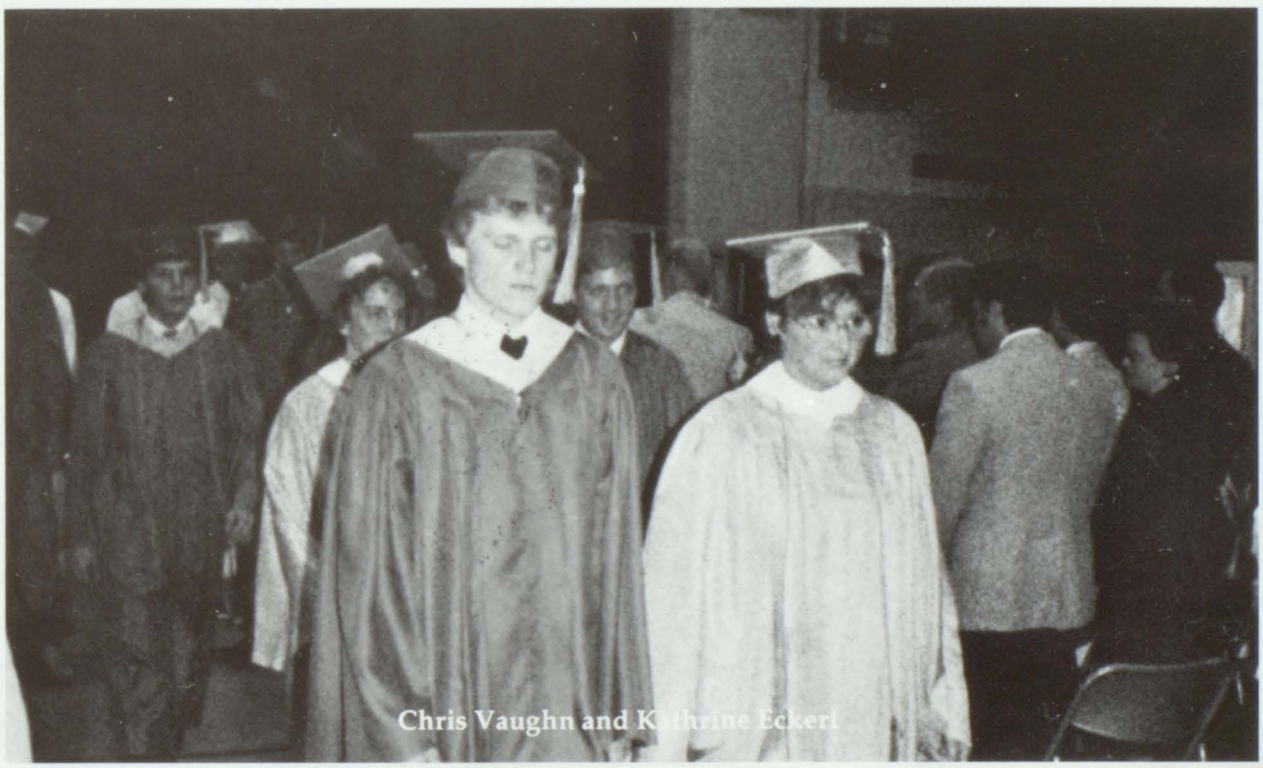
Paula Pickett and Tim Lehman

Todd H[illegible]rig[illegible]and Tim Leh[illegible]

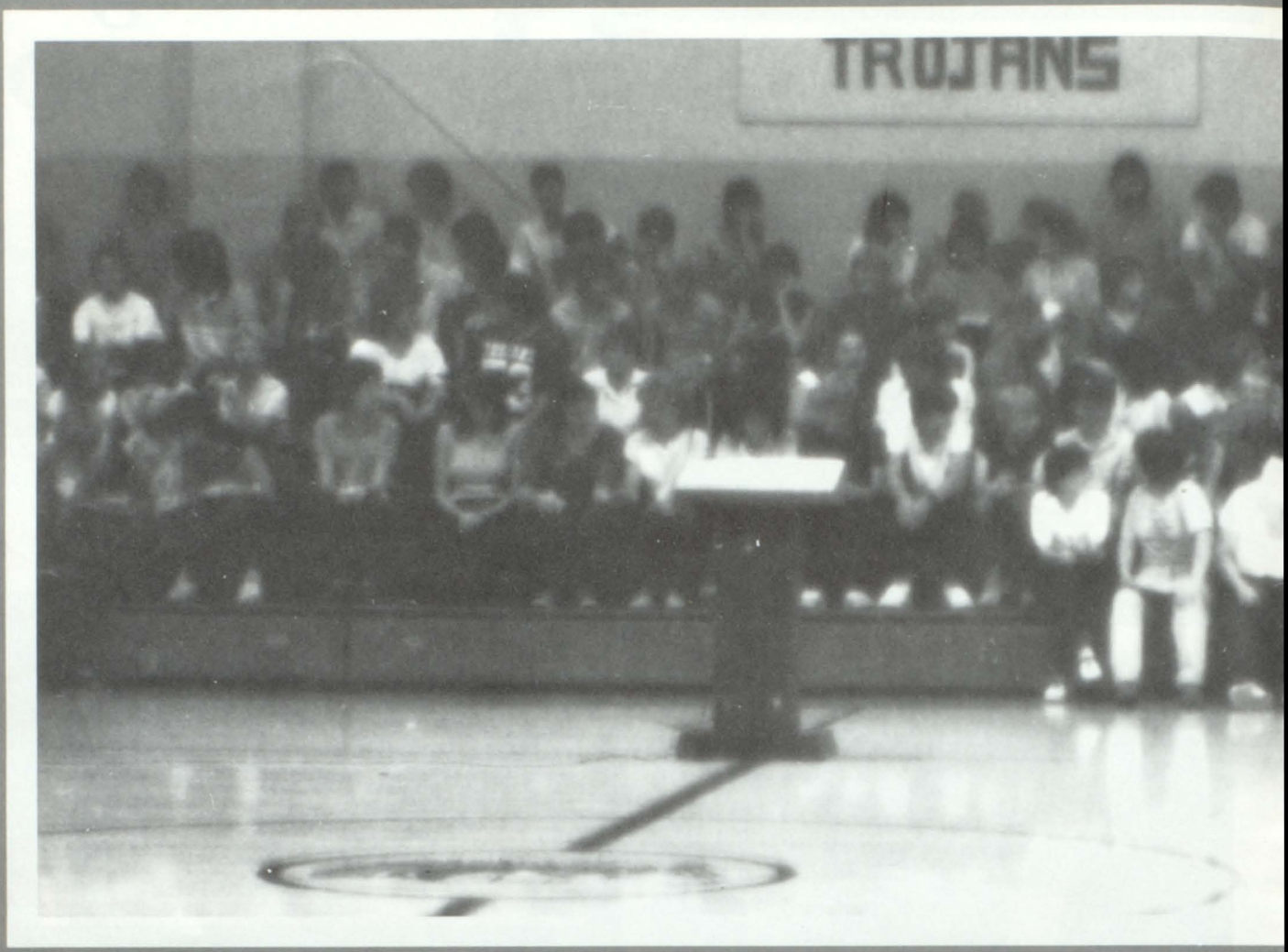
The years have gone so really fast.
The memories that we shared will always last.
The friends we've gained the people we've met
Those acquaintances I will never regret.
The years of happiness
The years of sadness
It couldn't have been all that sad because
Of the friendships we've had.
I will always remember the
Smiling faces that you my friends bring
It means more to me than anything.

To the Senior Class of '85
Good luck my friends!!

Karen Williams



Chris Vaughn and K[illegible]thrine Eckert



Case Comes to a Close!

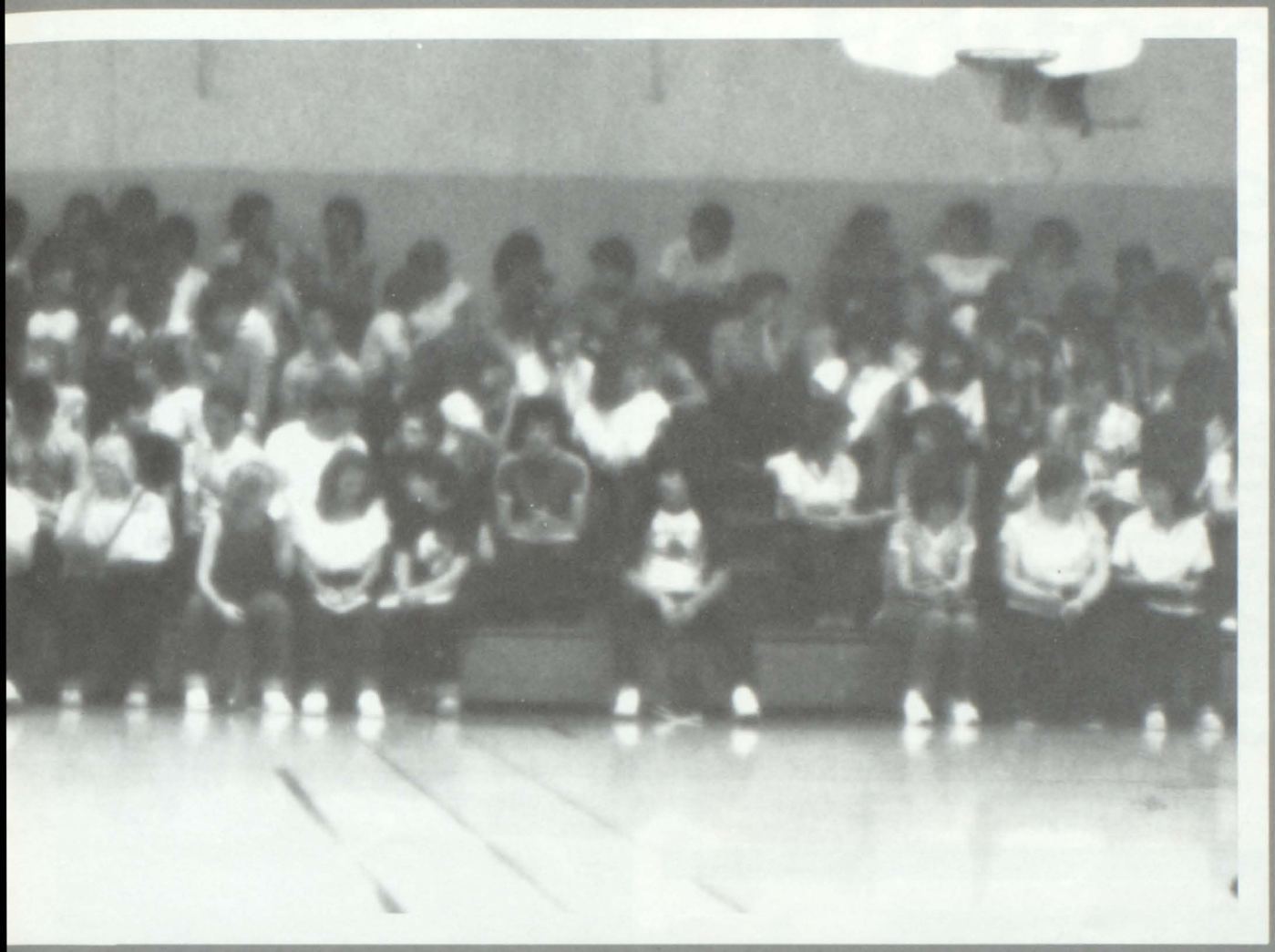
watched the students file into the halls. Blackie LaBlanche walked up to his locker looking very nervous. He opened his locker . . . and out tumbled the diplomas!!! Eckhart had made her final move! I had her now! A few of the senior boys grabbed Blackie. I ran over crying, "Stop! STOP!" One tall lanky fellow named Tim Miller explained, "We've suspected Blackie for a long time. Didn't you see it, Mr. Wrench?"

I said, "Well, er, yes. I suppose I did."

Blackie was taken into custody. He wasn't arrested because he wasn't eighteen, but he promised to return the diplomas.

I went driving out in the country before sunrise to think things over. Then it "dawned" on me!

Blackie LaBlanche really was guilty! *He* had taken the diplomas and tried to frame Kathrin Eckhart. It was just as I



A Happy Ending?

thought! I knew it wasn't Kathrin all along. (We detectives are required to mislead the reader – it is in our contract.)

It turned out that Blackie was afraid he wouldn't graduate because he didn't have enough credits. So, he reasoned that if he couldn't graduate, nobody would.

This explained all his suspicious actions. It also explained the clues that turned up:

The French pastry; the *black-and-white* Volkswagen (Blackie – black, LaBlanche – white); the initials B.B., and all his actions in photographs.

I presented my final conclusions to the concerned citizens group. The famous Mickey Wrench had solved another case!

All's well that ends well. The diplomas were given to the students on graduation night. Even Blackie LaBlanche graduated. I got paid and everyone lived happily ever after.

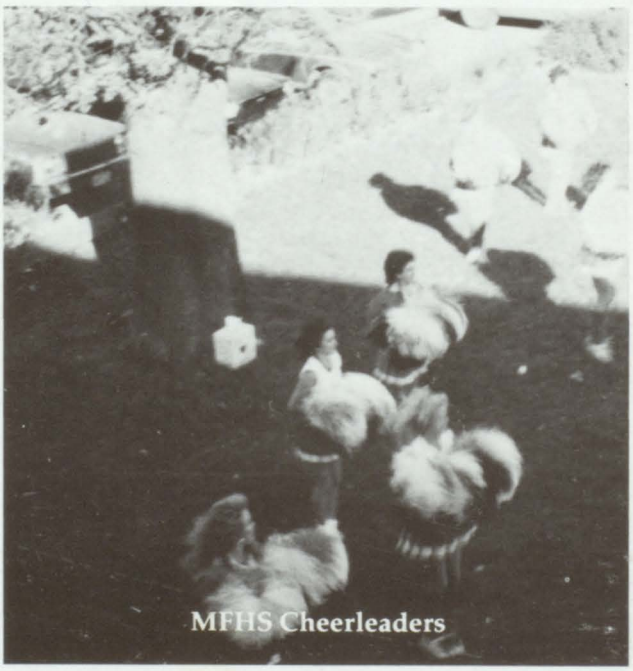
Gone,
dreams of the past,
gone with a love that moved too fast.
Gone,
bright shiny days,
gone in a young and restless haze.
Why did we love, then run away?
So little time, so much left to say,
and now it's gone.
Young and restless friend,
You'll never pass this way again.
So drink the summer wine,
reach for the stars while you have time.
Your restless dreams will lead the way.
So dream your dreams and live for each day
while you are young.

— De Vorzon and Botkin
"Nadia's Theme"

MFHS Pep Band

Colin Runyen

Jeff Ohlemeyer and Julie Johnson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